

Rayburn lodge heading downstream to new site

Local concern over the removal of the majestic Rayburn lodge from its present position on the highbanks of the AuSable, to a new position in Missaukee County, can now be put to rest. The lodge will be moving, but only a short distance to a new position off Richardson Road.

The lodge has been purchased by Gary King of Houghton Lake, who had originally planned to

move the building to property on the Muskegon River. Technical difficulties in a move of that distance caused King to purchase property on the AuSable, where a foundation is now being built.

The move was originally scheduled to be completed by May 15. DNR spokesman Jim McMillan said that because of the change in plans by King that deadline will not be met now.



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1993 AuSable River Marathon prize money tops \$46,000

The 1993 edition of North America's richest and perhaps toughest canoe race will begin with forty or more two-person teams carrying their sleek, high-tech racing canoes on a traditional LeMans-style running start to the AuSable River in Grayling at dusk on Saturday, July 24. After paddling through the night and over 50,000

paddle strokes non-stop, the successful teams will arrive 15 to 19 hours later at the AuSable finish line in Oscoda, on the shores of Lake Huron.

The teams will battle for a share of the largest canoe racing purse in North America — over \$46,000 cash and prizes — in the 46th annual running of this granddaddy of canoe racing. The

Weyerhaeuser AuSable Marathon is also the second leg of the North American "triple crown" of canoe racing. The General Clinton Regatta, staged on the Susquehanna River in New York state over the Memorial holiday weekend, and La Classique de Canots, staged in Quebec over Labor Day weekend, make up the other two legs of the "triple crown."

After participating as a Marathon sponsor for several years, first as an Associate Sponsor and then moving up to become AuSable Challenge Events Sponsor, Weyerhaeuser's Grayling Structurwood mill became the AuSable River Canoe Marathon's Primary Sponsor in 1992. Weyerhaeuser's significant commitment helped facilitate an increase in the purse, improved logistical support and participation by the Marathon in the North American triple crown of canoe racing this past year.

"Weyerhaeuser is nationally recognized as a corporate leader in environmental stewardship and emphasizes the importance of the wise management of forest resources," commented Marathon committee co-chair Phil Weiler of Grayling. "These principles compliment one of the organizing committee's objectives in staging the Marathon: To focus public attention toward appreciation and protection of this area's outstanding natural resource — the AuSable River."

Grayling Structurwood mill general manager Rodger Anger said, "The Grayling and Oscoda volunteer organizing committees have built the Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe

Marathon so that it has become truly a "World Class Event," noting the this area's outstanding natural resources," Weyerhaeuser's Anger Marathon participation by the winners said in announcing a significant of England's premier canoe race.

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Frederic Twp. offers free trash pickup for cleanup month

By Terry Wright
Township Supervisor Brian Hulbert has announced that the month of May will be cleanup month in Frederic Township. The township will pick up and dispose of any and all trash that you may have accumulated, including old cars, appliances, and furniture, free of charge.

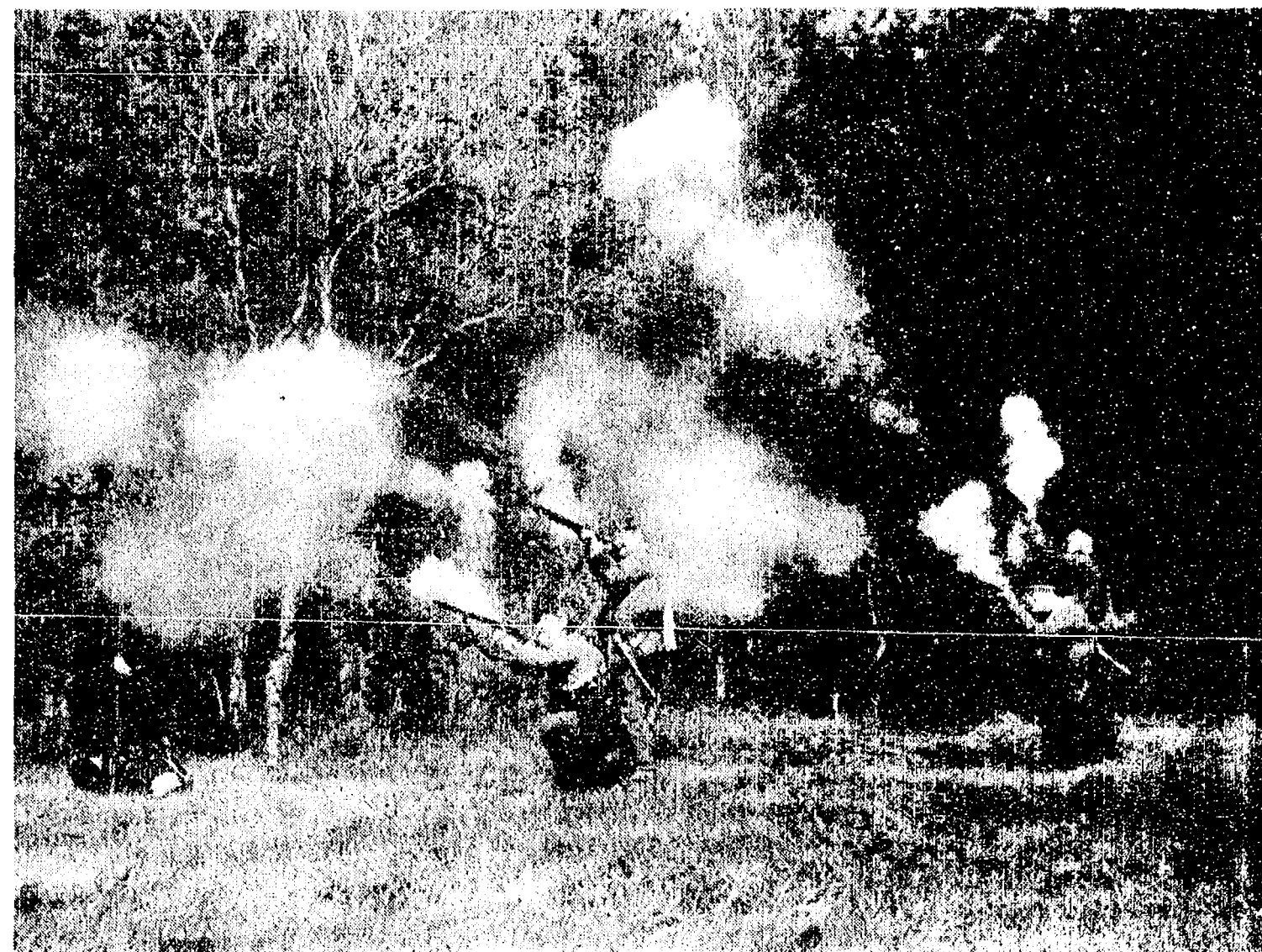
The exceptions are refrigerators and tires. Refrigerators will be picked up at no cost but there will be a \$25 charge to remove the freon. It is a federal regulation that freon be removed before a refrigerator can be scrapped. The only thing that can't be disposed of are tires unless they are mounted on a car that is to be salvaged. The

township will tow old cars away if they have tires. If there are no tires, cars will be loaded on a flatbed truck for removal.

Hulbert said, "I urge people to take advantage of this opportunity. Frederic is a great place to live and I want it to look as nice as it is."

Hulbert explained that he is currently looking into regular refuse pickup service for the township to compliment the fixed transfer station that is currently in use.

The cleanup project will last the entire month of May. If you live anywhere in Frederic Township, you may utilize this free service by phoning the township hall at 348-8778.



JAEGER'S BATTALION FIGHTS THE FRENCH—Members of Jaeger's Battalion reenact a typical skirmish with the French during the French and Indian War. Jaeger's battalion is the oldest and most authentic reenactment group from that era.

Two youth arrested for B & E's in Lovells

The quiet village of Lovells was the scene of more excitement than residents probably cared to experience over the past few days. Crawford County sheriff deputies were called to Lovells to investigate several breaking and enterings. Two juvenile males had been spotted leaving the crime scenes. Upon arrival the officers first discovered a stolen pickup. The truck had been stolen from the Bay City area on April 28. At about the same time, two Bay City juveniles had walked away from the juvenile detention center. One had left while on a court appearance, the other had been on a home visitation.

While local deputies searched a breaking and entering scene, the juveniles were hiding in a closet under an assortment of clothing and went undetected. Escaping from that house they led deputies and a Michigan State Police K-9 unit on a two-day chase, on foot, through the woods. Their luck,

however, would not hold.

On Monday, Lovells resident Dave Swiercz spotted the boys running across the road carrying guns by Big Creek. Swiercz returned to Lovells, contacted the sheriff and the Michigan State Police, and again the hunt was on. Deputies Parker, Goss, Meyers and McDonald, and MSP K-9 officers Norman and Volant soon apprehended the boys.

Recovered from various hiding places in the woods were stolen items including clothing, sleeping bags, knives, guns, bows and arrows, a three wheel recreational vehicle, and a dirt bike. There may be more items missing. Deputies will not know until a comprehensive list of items stolen is completed.

The juveniles, both 15 years old, were returned to Bay County for further adjudication. Their names can not be released.

British Redcoats invade Hartwick Pines

By Terry Wright
If you were near the Hartwick Pines last Saturday, and heard the thunder of military weaponry splitting the general silence of that warm spring afternoon, you probably thought that the Michigan National Guard was conducting weekend training. Had you decided to investigate though, you would have found a very surprising scene: a company of British Redcoats, a company of Rangers, and a company of Stockbridge Indians, all with muskets, tomahawks, and bayonets, fighting off the French in a battle straight from the pages of history.

With the recent box office success of the movie, "The Last of the Mohicans," there has been a resurgence of interest in the French and Indian War (1755-1763), among history and military buffs. Leading that resurgence are John Jaeger of Flat Rock and Tim Todish of Grand Rapids. Jaeger is the commanding officer and Todish the adjutant in His Majesty's Independent Companies of Rogers' Rangers,

otherwise known as Jaeger's Battalion. Their mission is to recreate, with total authenticity, a Ranger unit from colonial America. Within Jaeger's Battalion, besides members of Rogers' Rangers, are represented members of the 42nd Highlanders, the 60th Regiment afoot of light infantry, and members of the Stockbridge Indian company.

This past weekend members of Jaeger's Battalion were on their annual bivouac for men and boys. Their location at Hartwick Pines was a natural as members of the unit include park interpreter Wendel Hoover and his son Jeremiah of Grayling.

Rogers' Rangers were considered the Green Berets of Colonial America and are recognized as one of the finest fighting forces the world has ever known. They acted as an effective counterforce against the French-Canadians and their allied Indian forces in many intense and savage battles in England's conquest of New France.

Jaeger's Battalion is the oldest, the

best known, and the most authentic of many modern day reenactment groups. They are so authentic from their "Brown Bess," .75 caliber muskets to

the patterns that they use to hand stitch their clothing, that they played an integral role in the production of "The Brown Bess," .75 caliber muskets to

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MEMBERS OF JAEGER'S BATTALION—These four men are authentic reenactors of the French and Indian War. They were at the Hartwick Pines over the last weekend on their annual bivouac for men and boys.

DNR says gamefish population healthy at Lake Margrethe



DNR CREW REMOVES FISH FROM NET ON LAKE MARGRETHE—This net was one of 26 placed around the shallows of Lake Margrethe during the fish population estimate done earlier this spring.

By Terry Wright

The gamefish population of smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, northern pike, and walleye in Lake Margrethe is very healthy according to a recent DNR field study of the lake. Fisheries Division personnel from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources spent much of the month of April netting gamefish, particularly walleye, around the shores of the lake. The walleye were weighed, measured, and marked for future identification, then returned to the lake. A total of 163 walleye were netted in 26 nets over a period of several days. The largest was a whopping 32 inches and 11 pounds but the average was 19-23 inches.

After a sufficient number of walleye were netted, the DNR crew then shocked a representative portion of the lake and compared the number of previously marked fish to those that were not marked.

Steve Sendek, DNR fisheries expert, said, "There were fewer walleye than

we were hoping for but they were way above average size, and they seemed very healthy. I would estimate about 1,200 legal, adult walleye in the lake, or about one adult fish for every surface acre of the lake."

Sendek stated that the ideal walleye population in Lake Margrethe would be about five to ten adult fish per surface acre. "We just need to keep

stocking," he said. "We will be planting three million walleye fry later this spring."

A different aspect of the same project had the men transplanting all the northern pike that were netted, into the pike marsh area on the south end of the lake. Twenty-one female pike were moved, along with 42 males. "I think

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Brother bicycles to help St. Jude Hospital and sister

By Terry Wright
Nine year old Brandon Jones of Grayling had a special reason to ride his bike in this year's St. Jude bike-a-thon. Brandon's three year old sister Rebecca, is suffering from Medulla Blastoma, or brain cancer. After undergoing all available treatment at the University of Michigan Children's Hospital, Rebecca's best hope is with

St. Jude. Brandon and Rebecca's mother, Trina Jones said that, "Rebecca might be going there." Brandon raised \$74 dollars to go to St. Jude in hopes that it will eventually help Rebecca.

We have all heard of the wonderful work being done at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. Founded by actor Danny

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Notice Of A Public Hearing On Increasing Property Taxes

Please take notice that on Tuesday, May 25, 1993, at 6 pm at the Continuing Education Center, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan, the Board of Trustees of Kirtland Community College will hold a public hearing on the levying in 1993 of an additional proposed millage rate of .10 mills for operating purposes pursuant to Act 5, Public Acts of Michigan, 1982.

The Board of Trustees has the complete authority to establish that 2.33 mills be levied in 1993 from within its present authorized millage rate unless Proposition A is passed on June 2, 1993, in which case the district will levy the maximum authorized by law.

The maximum additional proposed millage rate would increase revenues for operating purposes from ad valorem tax levies in 1993 otherwise permitted by Act 5, Public Acts of Michigan 1982, by 4.5%.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and discuss the levy of an additional millage rate. Following the public hearing, the Board of Trustees may approve all or any portion of the proposed additional millage rate.

The Board of Trustees plans to take action on the resolution approving the additional proposed millage rate at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on May 25, 1993.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees.

Redcoats

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Last of the Mohicans." Sixteen members even played minor roles in the movie.

The dozens of members of Jaeger's Battalion are from all age groups including many teens. They are both professional and blue collar, and they come from all over the midwest. There are separate companies of Jaeger's Battalion in Illinois, Ohio, and Florida.

Each year Jaeger's Battalion attends many events including the two largest French and Indian War reenactments at Fort Niagara and Dearborn. At Fort Niagara as many as 900 reenactors gather annually to memorialize that famous encampment.

Each member of Jaeger's Battalion is also an authority on the forces that they choose to replicate. The foremost authority of the group is Captain Tim Todish, Adjutant of Jaeger's Battalion who has written a book entitled, "The First, First World War," depicting the entire French and Indian War.

Walleye

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we can expect a good pike fingerling production this year," Sendek said.

Sendek also said that, "There should be excellent bass fishing this summer for both smallmouth and largemouth bass, and the bluegill population is starting to come back."

Aside from the normal gamefish that are expected to be in the lake, also counted were about two dozen brook trout, between eight and thirteen inches, that had to have entered the lake from Portage Creek. Also counted were three tiger muskies.

"Our ultimate goal," said Sendek, "is to improve the walleye and pike population, and turn the yellow perch population into a large enough group that are fun to catch."



DNR COUNTS WALLEYE IN LAKE MARGRETHE—
Steve Sendek of the DNR Fish Division, holds up a 22 inch walleye netted in Lake Margrethe as part of a recent fish population estimate.

Marathon

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increase in Weyerhaeuser's level of Marathon support for 1993. "Our increased involvement represents Weyerhaeuser's continuing investment in and commitment to the quality of life in the AuSable River Valley."

The Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon is held in conjunction with Grayling's "AuSable River Festival" and the Oscoda area's "AuSable River Days" festivities.

A brochure detailing the full schedule of events for the AuSable Canoe Marathon and the two festivals is available from: Grayling Area Visitors Council, PO Box 406, Grayling, MI, 49738, 517-348-2921, or 800-YES-8837.



WEYERHAEUSER BACKS MARATHON—Marathon corporate sponsor Roger Anger, general manager of Weyerhaeuser Company, (center) reviews the 1992 Marathon scrapbook with committee volunteers John Cherven and Marge Martella, co-chairperson of the 1993 event.

Marathon featured as middle leg of canoe racing triple crown

Three of North America's most prestigious marathon canoe races have announced that 1993 will mark the second year of the North American Marathon Canoe Racing Championship Series [C-2], referred to by paddlers and race fans simply as the North American "triple crown" of canoe racing.

New York state's General Clinton Regatta, Michigan's Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Marathon and Quebec's La Classique de Canots de la Mauricie last year established a point system to crown the champion of North American marathon canoe racing.

The General Clinton Regatta has long been regarded as the premier major event of each racing season and is noted for its high level of

participation. Hundreds of entries in a variety of classes, including the expert-division marathon teams, challenge the one-day 70 mile course. The General Clinton is staged over Memorial Day weekend on New York's Susquehanna River.

La Classique Internationale de Canots de la Mauricie, sponsored by LaBatt Blue, is the oldest of these prestigious events. The Classique is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 1993. Originally run as a two-day race, since 1958 the race has been staged in its present format - a three-day, three-stage marathon on Quebec's majestic St. Maurice River—193 km (120 miles) and five portages from la Tugue to Trois Rivières over September's Labor Day holiday weekend. The final, official results as provided by each of the race organizing committees are used in determining the triple crown results. Finishers in each of the three races receive Championship Series points based on 500 points for 1st place, 495 for second, and so on. Contestants must enter and start all three events to qualify for the "triple crown" awards.

A travelling Marathon Championship Series cup is awarded in the name of the champions, in addition to the cash award and other recognition awards. A purse of over \$6,000 cash and prizes has been

established, including a \$1,000 award for the North American "triple crown" champion.

Last year, in the inaugural championship series season, Serge Corbin of Shawinigan, Quebec, and Brett Stockton of Grayling, teamed to win each of the three "triple crown" races and were jointly crowned the North American Marathon Canoe Racing Series Champions.

The North American Marathon Canoe Racing Championship Series—the "triple crown"—is designated to promote the sport of canoe racing in general and to provide regional, national and international public/media exposure for the three participating races and the regions that they are staged in.

The General Clinton race and La Classique also cooperate in the North American Long Distance C-1 Championship (NORD-AM). Awards for the NORD-AMC-1 championship series are, like the "triple crown" C-2 series, based on a point system.

Entry information for the three North American Marathon Canoe Racing Championship Series races can be requested from: Weyerhaeuser AuSable River Canoe Marathon, PO Box 911, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, race office (leave message) 517-348-4425 or Chamber of Commerce 517-348-2921.

St. Jude Bike-A-Thon

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Thomas, St. Jude treats children who are afflicted with the most devastating kinds of childhood diseases, mostly cancers, without regard to race, religion, or financial status. All children who go there are treated. St. Jude is financed strictly through private donations and grants.

A "Wheels For Life Bike-A-Thon" to benefit the St. Jude cause was held at the Grayling football field last Sunday. Twenty-one local children, between the ages of four and fifteen,

rode 400 miles to raise previously pledged money of over \$1,500.

Organized by Kathy Piehl of Grayling, with the support of area business and organizational concerns, each rider received a prize for their participation. The top pledge riders were Jon Annis, Nathan Townsend, Korine Stramel, and Lexi Bondar. After all the money is collected and counted, one of these children will be attending Camp AuSable for one week as the top prize winner.



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North Flight hosts open house in Grayling

Grayling-area residents are invited to meet the North Flight EMS emergency rescue staff at an open house to be held from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 8, at the North Flight station on North Down River Road, next to Grayling Mercy Hospital.

The medical rescue helicopter will be on display at the open house (weather permitting) along with

ground ambulances, with staff on hand to explain how life-saving emergency transports are conducted. Additionally, there will be free balloons and ice cream, as well as a raffle for helicopter rides and North Flight hats and shirts.

The open house is free of charge with all welcome to attend. For further information, call Rob Schultz at 517-348-6269.

46th Circuit Court

Appearing before the Honorable Alton T. Davis, April 19:

Patrick Scott Malone, age 28 of Roscommon, was arraigned on Count I: Embezzle-Agent/Trustee Over \$100. Malone pled guilty to an added Count II: Larceny Over \$100, which carries a maximum penalty of five years or \$2,500. In exchange for his plea Count I will be dismissed.

Michael Dennis Foreman, age 32 of Walloon, was arraigned on Count I: Operating While Under The Influence 3rd, which carries a maximum penalty of 90 days and/or \$100-\$500 and or 45 days community service; license suspended six months to two years, with no restricted license for first 30 days. Count II: Operating While License Suspended, Revoked, Denied/Allowing A Suspended Person To Operate, which carries a maximum penalty of 90 days and/or \$500; the registration plates shall be confiscated,

and the vehicle shall be impounded for 30-120 days. Foreman stood mute on the above charges, requiring the court to enter a plea of not guilty on record.

Elizabeth Moggo Holzman, age 32 of Grayling, was arraigned on Count I: Welfare Fraud Over \$500, which carries a maximum penalty of four years and/or \$2,000. Count II: Fail To Inform \$500 or more, which carries a maximum penalty of four years and/or \$2,000. Holzman stood mute, requiring the court to enter a plea of not guilty on record. She waived her right to a speedy trial. All proceedings will be adjourned for six months.

Patrick Clarence Vroman, age 21 of Lincoln Park, pled guilty to Count I: Assault With A Dangerous Weapon, which carries a maximum penalty of four years and/or \$2,000. In exchange for his plea Count II: Weapons-Felony Firearm will be dismissed at the time of sentencing.

Mercy Hospital Births

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Brian and Angel Prentice of Grayling: Brianna, April 13, 1993, 19 1/2", 7 lbs., 1 oz.

Rodd & Nancy Chrivia of Lewiston: Tonya, April 16, 1993, 19", 6 lbs., 15 ozs.

Mike & Lisa Lefler of Mio: Kyle Andrew, April 19, 1993, 20", 8 lbs., 5.1 ozs.

Jerney and Andrea Beroset of Grayling and Norfolk, Virginia: Zachery, April 20, 1993, 20 1/2", 7 lbs., 12 ozs.

David and Janet Bentley of Grayling: Seth Tyler, April 21, 1993, 20 1/2", 7 lbs., 12 ozs.

Adam Curtis and Phyllis McWatters of Mancelona: Dallas Mich, April 23, 1993, 19 1/2", 8 lbs., 5 ozs.

Students released early Monday

Crawford AuSable students will be released early Monday, May 10, for a teacher in-service half day.

The release times will be different than normal. Grayling Middle School students will be released at 11:30 a.m. Students from Grayling and Frederic Elementary schools will be released at 11:45 a.m. High school students will be released at 12 noon.

Magistrate

Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callawaert:

Robert Charles Adams of Croswell was fined \$115 for Hunt Turkey Over Bait.

Gerald Joseph Paradowski of Croswell was fined \$115 for Hunt Turkey Over Bait.

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5/2	66	30	
5/3	67	33	0.03
5/4	61	46	0.32

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday will be partly sunny with the highs in the mid to upper 60s. Thursday will be warm with isolated thunderstorms possible. The lows will be in the 50s and the highs in the 70s. Friday and Saturday will be warm with a possibility of scattered thunderstorms, the highs will reach in the 70s and the lows in the mid to upper 50s.

District Court

Michael Irvin Vollmer, 18, of Frederic, pled guilty to a charge of Larceny Under \$100, and was sentenced to 12 days in the county jail, with credit for time served. He was cited February 17, 1993, by the Sheriff Dept.

Jackie Lynn Walton, 38, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of Disorderly Person, City Ordinance #4, and was placed on six months probation. She was cited July 28, 1992, by the City Police Dept.

Deborah A. Bonenfant, 29, of Monroe, pled guilty to a charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$155 or 14 days, \$35 restitution. She was cited December 26, 1991, by the City Police Dept.

Marvin Duane Leist, 33, of Grayling, pled guilty to a charge of NSF Check Under \$50, and was fined \$155 or 14 days, restitution paid. He was cited May 25, 1992.

David Lee Sanborn, 30, of Clio, pled guilty to a charge of Disorderly Person Grayling City Ordinance #4, and was fined \$105 or ten days. He was cited January 1, 1992, by the City Police Dept.

Stephen Lyle Skagerberg, of Roscommon, pled guilty to a charge of Driving Suspended, and was fined \$155 or 14 days. He was cited July 14, 1990, by the Sheriff Dept.

Mark Leo Gross, 19, of Prudenville, pled guilty to a charge of Driving Suspended, and was fined \$155 or 14 days. He was cited April 24, 1993.

Steven Michael Whelton, 43, of Grayling, demanded a preliminary exam to a charge of Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle. A \$1,000 cash or surety bond was set.

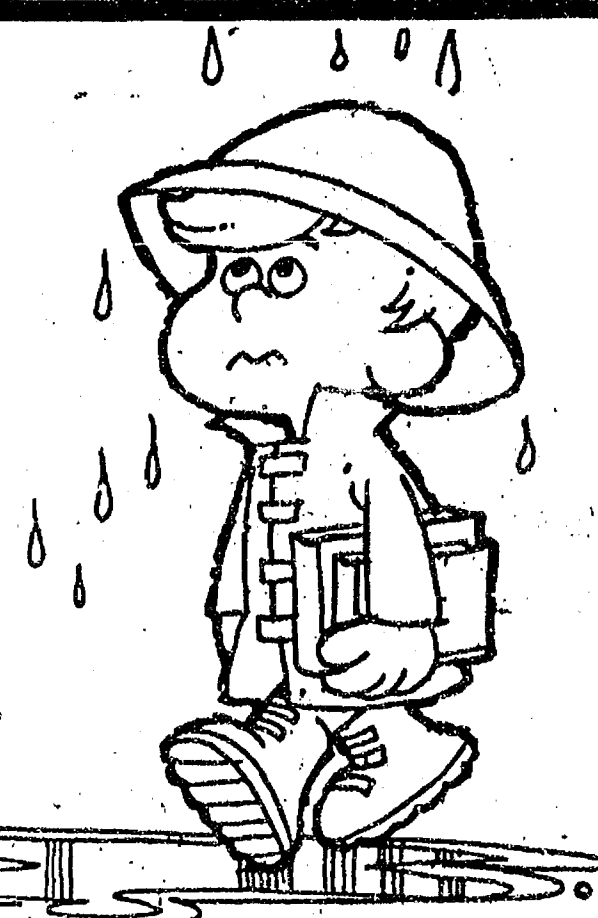
Steven Donald Gross, 20, of Grayling, demanded a preliminary exam to a charge of Delivery of Marijuana. A \$500 cash or surety bond was set.

Robert Wayne Mulvey, 41, of Gaylord, demanded a preliminary exam to a charge of Assault With A Dangerous Weapon. A \$5,000 personal bond was set.

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FRI. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BB VS. KALKASKA, away, 4:30 pm. •SB VS. KALKASKA, home, 4:30 pm. •FREDERIC ELEMENTARY school carnival, 5-8 pm, proceeds go to Frederic Elem. playground improvement project. Games, food, door prizes, cake walk, etc.
SAT. 8	•SHOP LOCALLY for your Mother's Day gift - as always, plenty of free parking is available!
SUN. 9	•HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
MON. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •KID'S KRUSADE @ Grayling Assembly of God Church, 7-8:15 pm, ages 5-12. Program runs through Fri. the 14th. •"WHAT WIVES WISH Their Husbands Knew About Women" video presentation by Dr. James Dobson @ Grayling Assembly of God Church, 7 pm. •JAYCEES MEETING @ Grayling Holiday Inn, 7:30 pm. •WELCOME WAGON newcomers meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6 pm. Call Betty @ 348-8562 or Shirley @ 348-5362 for more information. •KIWANIS LUNCHEON MEETING @ 12:10 pm, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. •GRIEF BEREAVEMENT support group in private dining room at Mercy Hospital, 4:30 - 6 pm.
TUES. 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •VIKING BAND BOOSTERS @ MS band room, 7 pm. •GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL Association luncheon meeting @ noon, Copper Kettle Steak House & Lounge.
WED. 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •BB VS. CHEBOYGAN, home, 4 pm. •SB VS. CHEBOYGAN, away, 4 pm. •ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ noon, Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm, meeting 5:30 pm. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Grayling Housing Commission Building, 308 Lowndale, 5:30 pm.

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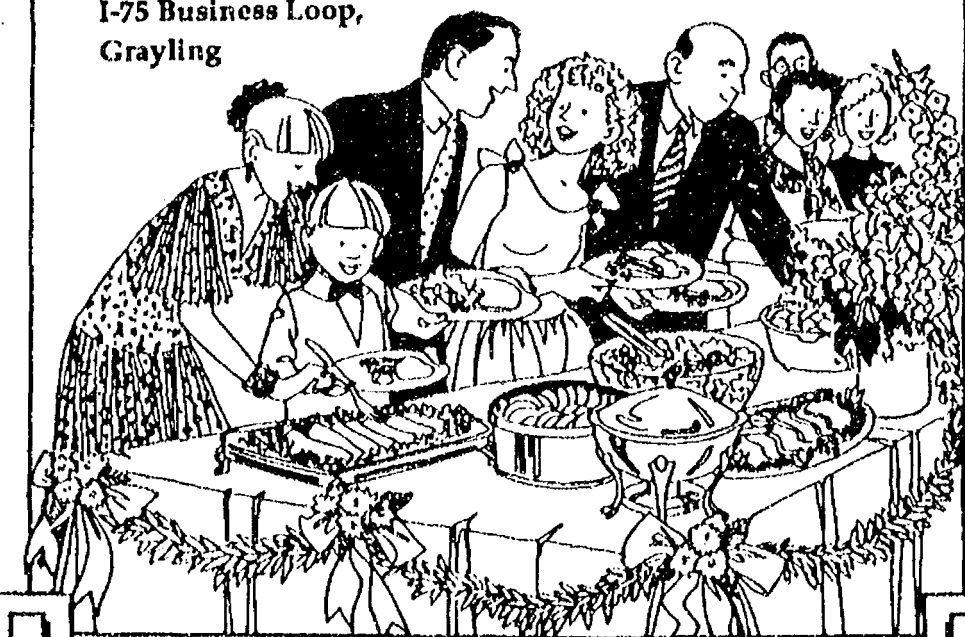
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AuSable Ministerial Association presents Community Forum on Education

(The AuSable Ministerial Association hosted two Community Forums on Education on March 22 and 29. They presented this report to the Crawford AuSable Board of Education.)

As clergy of the community, we invited our community together to talk about education in Crawford AuSable Schools. In a ministry of reconciliation, we believe our community to be in need of rediscovery of the truth that a community which works together will be able to meet any challenge which might confront it. In the great tradition of our country, we adopted a model of a community forum as the avenue where people might gather to reason together, to celebrate the strength of our community together, and to focus on the privileges which are ours to educate our children, preparing them for life.

It is important for our community to understand our perspective: we did not seek to promote an "answer" coming to the meeting with an answer to the challenges which confront our schools; rather, we sought to bring a community which we perceive to be fractured to a safe place where we might reason together. As we heard in the first session particularly, people in Crawford County are "choosing up sides" based on economic interests, age categories, and other normal, yet artificial categories to separate themselves from others. As these interest groups form it is obvious that a "we versus them" mentality emerges, and the community loses. The model of a community forum was a mechanism to restore trust among the groups of people in our community. In the midst of the forums, people who clearly disagreed still listened to each other. Issues were lifted up for discussion, points of view were shared and people left the session having been listened to. The following report seeks to faithfully report that which we heard.

It is important to acknowledge that the following ideas and concerns came from small groups of persons: at the first session there were 18 persons, and at the second 26. This is clearly not a representative number. And yet we do believe that the ideas and issues raised do reflect many of the concerns we have all heard voiced in the community. The challenge is, as you read through these ideas, do you agree with them, or are the ideas expressed somehow a "cover up" for other underlying issues which we as a community want to believe do not exist?

As clergy we wish to challenge the community with an idea: Each person's point of view is important. Working together, and sharing our ideas, we can solve any problems before us. Be in supportive touch with your school board. If you wish to criticize, make it constructive. Do not fall prey to the temptation to listen to rumors. Communicate with the board, then we will move forward as a community, in a way which we know will be right and good, and in the interest of us all.

As a method of organization, we followed a series of questions as springboards for discussion. The same questions were used at both meetings. But at each session, discussion often reached across a series of issues at the same time; so the moderator, Judge

Hunter, allowed the group to proceed as need to allow a sense of freedom of discussion.

Our report seeks to share a sense of the meetings. The clergy present kept careful notes of the discussions, and we seek to summarize what we heard in the meetings in what follows. We will quote occasionally in what follows, and offer a summary of discussion as well.

Question one: The last three bond proposals dealing with funding requests for facility expansions and millage for operation of those new facilities were defeated by the votes of our community. Why do you believe these proposals were defeated?

The bond issues are consistently denied because people believe they cannot pay more in taxes for any purpose. In a passionate speech, one individual reported his water and sewer rates were up, the president was calling for increased taxes, and both he and his spouse "were barely making it. I'm taxed to death. I have nothing against schools; I cannot afford anymore taxes."

We heard many persons speak to the first questions, and the general consensus was that people will not pay any more in taxes. We heard other issues raised: moving the football field; wait for the state to correct how we finance education; and that the community is fractured, with different interest groups voting for themselves and their interests, rather than "pulling together."

Question two: Do you think the current school facilities are adequate? If so, why? If not, what changes would you recommend?

The consensus was that the schools are very overcrowded. The problems were refined into two concerns: we have run out of space, and the quality of space. Comments in the community were raised: that the elementary space requirements are tapering off, and that the upper level schools will soon feel the bulge of extra students moving through the system. The facts are that by the fall of 1996 we will have 200 students average per grade. Our current high school classes are 130 students average per grade, middle school has 175 per grade, and elementary grades have 170-190 per grade. One person who strongly doubted whether these numbers were real toured the middle school and discovered the reality of these numbers for himself. Another, a volunteer at Frederic, reported, "the place is chaos" (referring to so many bodies in so little space.) The process for determining how many students will be entering school (kindergarten) is through a formula based on births reported in a four-county area through the district health department and then identified to each school district. These numbers tell us there is not decline in numbers in the immediate future.

Further complicating the overcrowding problem in our local schools was a concern about what society expects from schools in today's world. Several persons reported, "Parents need to be involved in the educational process so they can see the problems of discipline and children in the classroom when they do not receive appropriate parental support

for their schooling."

In considering the overcrowding problem, many persons spoke with uncertainty about the issue of school leadership contributing to the problem of creating consensus to solve the building crisis. Perceptions of the school board are mixed because of the change of plans to meet the building needs of the district. Thus, plans to solve the space needs have been generally unsatisfying. We heard school board members express frustration in trying to communicate with the public. Their past survey have been ineffectual (from a board perspective) in learning the true feelings of the voters of the district.

The citizens of the community received some constructive criticism at the meetings as well: They were challenged to become more responsive to the school district. A sampling of comments: "Discipline cannot exist in just one setting but must happen in the home as well as the school." "The community at large must be attentive to the issues of the school district." "Without good schools, doctors and businesses will not locate in Crawford County."

Question three: Given the fact that the CASD is 21st from the bottom in Michigan School Districts in terms of dollars received and spent per student, how adequate do you believe the allocation of resources is?

Much inequity in school financing caused anger in the group. With some districts in Michigan spending \$10,000 per student, (Grayling is roughly \$3,800) and others paying much less, an equal education in Michigan is not a fact.

At the local level, some questions were asked. A question about text books for fifth grade Spanish Class, and 7th grade science brought a serious response from the group. It was learned that the Spanish Class is a nine week course and so printed materials are used instead of a book; and seventh grade science book was waiting on the publisher.

We learned that some persons question how well we are doing educating our children. The school district has begun a system to track our high school graduates, following up on how they are performing at 1/2 year after graduation, one year after, and five years after graduation.

There was some confusion expressed about the use of school facilities by community groups. The district responded by helping the person understand who to contact for the use of a building.

In comparing programs offered in the CASD with other schools in our intermediate school district, it was learned we often lead the way in offering programs. We also recognized that in spite of median salaries our schools have a superior faculty.

We learned that spending in the past has caused some to feel the district is not wise in its spending. The groups present, however, felt the community is getting its money's worth.

Question four: What do you see as the strengths and/or weaknesses of the current school curriculum? Do you believe students are being adequately prepared to meet the

requirement to enter the local work force or to enter college?

Seventy percent of the students leaving our district go on to the military or to higher education/training opportunities. Innovative programs with the local chamber of commerce help our students do well in the local work force. There is a dramatic need to help non-college bound students prepare for the jobs of the 21st century. Training for students in the area of "trades" needs improvement.

The current athletic policy of allowing a student who is "passing" to play received criticism. Even if the student is receiving barely passing grades they are athletically eligible. This possibility distressed those present at the meetings. It was noted that the CASD is higher than the state standard.

Question five: Do you have any concerns that what has happened in Kalkaska Schools could happen here? Why or why not? What solutions or preventative measures would you suggest be considered if you feel there is such a potential problem here?

From a school board perspective, "we could be there next year" the superintendent suggested. It was acknowledged however that the voters of our district have consistently voted operational millage (we have increased our operational millage 1 mill since 1979) so the concern of the group focused more on a continuing fragmentation of the community into "haves and have-not." This disparity of income in our county is a real concern.

Further, the groups reflected that CASD went through the Kalkaska economic predicament in the early 1980s when so many cuts were made. There are no plans for the future to implement more cuts in our district.

Many saw the Kalkaska action as "a stunt." It was a perception of the group that we show more fiscal responsibility.

Question six: Do you think communication between the community and the school board has been effective? Depending on your response, comment on what has been effective and what improvements could be made?

The response in the groups reflected on issues of credibility. Some felt the school board "cries wolf" on issues confronting the district. Others felt the community itself to be negligent in the face of serious school problems — if there was a crisis some felt the community would not respond. Some present were angrily accusing others of not caring and being unmotivated. These persons saw the community not as bitter or angry, but uncaring about the plight of kids.

Other saw parental lack of interest and involvement to be at the heart of communication problems with the district. Perhaps the parents felt intimidated, but they do not seem to be involved with the education of their children.

The community at large came in for criticism as well. "We don't know the problems in the district and don't seek to find them out."

Summary

Ultimately, we learned that the community feels there is room for no new taxes, and we are looking to Lansing to assist in making school financing equitable.

We as a community feel we are getting a good education for the dollars invested, and while each of us could find fault with some aspect of the performance of our schools, we are generally satisfied.

Our district has many strengths:

- A fine faculty;
- Demonstrated fiscal integrity;
- Facilities which have served us well;

—A strong sense of tradition identified with historic facilities in the community;

—An exciting interface with the business community through the chamber of commerce;

—The creative interaction between the Probate Court and the schools.

Our district has many weaknesses:

—A serious overcrowding problem

with an exploding student population; —A fragmented community, which has many interest groups which are perceived to be working for their own concerns rather than working together; —An absence of parent involvement in the schools;

—Like many other communities, a collapsing family structure which places pressure on the schools to not only educate children, but to "raise them."

As a Ministerial Association, we invited the community to receive our report with the spirit of grace in which it is extended. We offered the forums to cause discussion. We offer the report for the same reasons — to cause us all to reflect and discuss the challenges which confront us as a community.

Together, sharing our ideas and opinions, we can meet the challenges head on, and continue to know Crawford County as a fine place to live, work, and raise a family.

Opinions

Let's Talk About It

By Joe Murphy



We will soon witness the final closing of one of Grayling's better known business establishments that is known far and wide as Dawson's. Devere has been a part of the Grayling business community since 1938. On the same location Devere's father and grandfather had been in business since the 1880s. In the year 1937, Devere's father, Earl, moved what was then an A. and P. store out of that building into part of what is now Mac's Drug Store. Dee had the building remodeled and went into business as Dawson's. In January of 1957, the original building was destroyed by fire. On November 1, 1957, Dawson's reopened in the present building. They kept a guest book on their first two days in the new store where 791 guests signed. That guest list is in itself a big piece of Grayling history, for many people long in their graves, then were on hand to welcome them once again into the business community. Those folks that most of us call Dee and Polly have devoted their lives to their business and community. Dawson's has been open for business 362 days a year since the new store opened in 1957. Dee and Polly have not taken a vacation in all those years. They have been instrumental in helping many young ladies earn money needed to continue their education. I recall going into Dawson's often as a young man to enjoy a cherry coke and to eye ball the pretty young ladies who worked there. Dee and Polly a lot of folks feel saddened by the closing of your business that is such an institution here in Grayling. We wish to thank you both for the pleasant memories

the name Dawson's will always invoke, and for being the kind friendly people that made a stop there a pleasure. May the Good Lord bless your golden years.

Well, up to this point the weather has not been right for either mushrooms or yard sales so the old man is still chomping the bit. I am hoping, by the time this is printed, to be filled to the gills with mushrooms and to have bought some goodies at yard sales. I have a lot more faith in the yard sales than in the mushrooms but I have to keep hoping that this will be a banner year for both.

I don't know how the fishermen made out on the opener of trout season but the first morning was complete with nasty weather as usual. In the old days I would have been out there suffering with the rest of them. I recall first mornings when your line froze in the guides and your fingers felt like a handful of sticks and we called it fun. Now a man would have to pay me a lot of money to endure that kind of misery. Sometimes we were not satisfied just to suffer during the day but we camped out so we could enjoy misery all night too.

I decided to go ahead and get my new book published and have it in the shop being printed now. Should have it out shortly after this appears in the Avalanche. As of now it contains 38 of my poems and I may add one or two before it's completed.

Northern Views

By Jon Thompson

We all realize the limitations of living in a county with less people than the upper deck of Tiger Stadium holds.

We don't have the biggest shopping malls, universities, or amusement parks. There aren't as many good paying jobs available. When we need specialists or experts in a field we sometimes have to travel to urban centers.

But there are obviously many advantages to living in this county or 12,000 of us wouldn't be permanent residents. Many businesses and public services here are on a smaller scale than in Detroit. Most of us accept that and make the best with what we have.

Last Thursday I went to see one of the best vocal jazz groups in the nation, Gold Company. This collection of Western Michigan University students is one of only two groups from the United States selected to perform at the World

Symposium on Choral Music this August. Gold Company has received "Outstanding Performance" awards for nine consecutive years from the jazz magazine "Down Beat."

Not only were the singers and the band great, but I didn't have to travel downstate to see the program. It was right at our own Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School as part of the Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program operated by R.J. Hannan. The director of Gold Company, Stephen Zegre, said Hannan has put together one of the best cultural events program in the country, and he's right.

In Grayling, a city of about 2,500, with a small class B high school, we've hosted concert bands, symphony orchestras, glee clubs, faculty quintets, dance and vocal performers, and jazz bands from Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Western Michigan University, Central Michigan Uni-

versity, Oakland University, Alma College, and other places where the best musicians in the state play and perform.

How lucky are we to have these performances in our small auditorium? Check out some of the places Gold Company visited on their last tour before travelling to Grayling: Kalamazoo, Farmington Hills, Wayne State University, and Bloomfield Hills.

R.J.'s hard work helps produce an excellent program. Besides the Learning Through Music Series, there is also the popular Travel and Adventure Series and a new Command Performance Series. Ten businesses and twenty patrons have contributed money to help make the Cultural Events Program possible: Scheer Motors, Fick and Sons, Mac's Drugs, Grayling State Bank, Grayling Hospital for Animals, Weyerhaeuser, Mercy Hospital, Holiday Inn, Chemical Bank North, Hospitality House,



Wayne and Karen Casler, Dr. William Dean, Bernadine Dosch, Charles and Marilyn Fick, Jean Gothro, Dr. Charles Jackson, Oliver and Johanna Kesti, Paul Lerg, Paul and Judi Mesack, Larry and Maureen McNamara, Mary Mollon, Betty Price, Ram and Carol Ramaswamy, Kent and Mary Ann Reynolds, Tom and Marilyn Rosi, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rowland, Ruth Smith, Joseph and Faith Stripe, Edward Wickes, and Ken and Mary Wright.

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Almanack

Richard Millman

Ribbons are bustin' out all over

RIBBONS, RIBBONS everywhere these days.

Entertainers and other public figures display ribbons to call attention to their favorite causes. Red ribbons are for AIDS awareness, pink ones for breast cancer, green ones for the environment. Yellow ribbons still call attention to hostages.

Around Battle Creek, white ribbons show support to keep some federal centers safe from the peace dividend.

Denzel Washington, honored for his movie role as Malcolm X, sported a purple ribbon at the recent academy awards ceremony, calling public attention to urban violence.

According to a recent column by Clarence Page of the *Chicago Tribune*, the purple ribbon idea has wide support among African American entertainment biggies such as Robert Johnson, president of the Black Entertainment Television cable TV network.

Mr. Page described a letter from Mr. Johnson, backing the purple campaign.

"AS AFRICAN AMERICANS," Mr. Johnson wrote, "we can effectively use this purple ribbon to draw national attention to . . . the epidemic of violence that is decimating our younger generation."

Another ribbon, muses columnist Page. Well, why not? But should there be more?

Writes Mr. Page: "Bob Johnson is right. Wearing a ribbon and talking

is the least we can do. We need action. I can't think of a better place for Hollywood's elite to start than close to home.

"If they really want to do something about urban violence, they can begin by putting their money where their ribbons are: Refuse to participate, traffic or profit in films, tapes, or CDs that contain excessively violent scenes or lyrics."

What a splendid idea from Clarence Page, especially if there is any truth in the notion that life follows art.

If gratuitous sex, extreme violence, and foul language were eliminated from films, television and the music scene, would this be a better world? Would urban violence slow down somewhat? Isn't it worth a try?

HURRAH FOR RENO—Without getting into the merits of the situation, one good thing to come out of the Waco tragedy was some straightforward talk for a public official — which is a rare commodity in too many cases.

It was refreshing to hear Janet Reno, the new attorney general, step forward and take full, unequivocal responsibility for what happened in Waco. There was no evasiveness, no shilly shally, no but-ifs.

"I made the decision. I'm accountable. The buck stops with me," said the attorney general.

She also offered to resign if President Clinton wanted her to do so.

Hurrah for Janet Reno. The jury is still out as to whether the justice department handling of the Waco tragedy was sound; but there's no



question where the department's boss stands.

Gen. Reno obviously is going to run a strong ship at Justice.

LUCRATIVE FIELD—An old western song advises: "Mama, don't let your sons grow up to be cowboys."

Presidential searching is a lot more lucrative.

The Michigan State University board of trustees has upped its budget to find a new president to \$200,000. The president's job, with fringes and what-have-you, will probably end up costing about \$125,000-\$150,000 a year.

"I must admit it's a goodly amount for a search," commented Jack Shingleton, board vice chair, "but we want to ensure there's not a stone unturned in our search to get the best possible president."

Let us hope that's what happens . . . but \$200,000?

Presidential searchers must rank right up there in pay level with 200 hitting substitute infielders and malpractice attorneys.

Maybe MSU should offer a business course in presidential searching.

Richard Millman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

Wright Angles

by Terry Wright

Writing a bi-monthly opinion column is one of the hardest things I have ever had to do. When I first began working for the *Avalanche* and was asked to write a column, it sounded easy. In fact, my mouth watered at the chance to set straight all the wrongs which affect my daily existence. My sharp tongue and brilliant mind had, at long last, found a forum to rise above mediocrity, to a new level where I could really make a valuable mark on my fellow man.

"Aha! At last I can prove that the pen really is mightier than the sword," I thought. I carefully made a list of my targets, in alphabetical order, that I would crucify with my words of wisdom. I knew that by the time I was done with each of them they would all cringe before me in forced obedience of Wright triumphant over wrong. I would thus give real meaning to my life and surely uplift the lives of others. The plight of the little people would be avenged at the expense of evil and corruption.

Naturally, I would be very humble in my acceptance of my much deserved praise. "Aw shucks, it weren't nothin'," I would reply to the masses of my beneficiaries. But, though humble on the outside, just thinking of my destined position of admiration made my chest swell with pride.

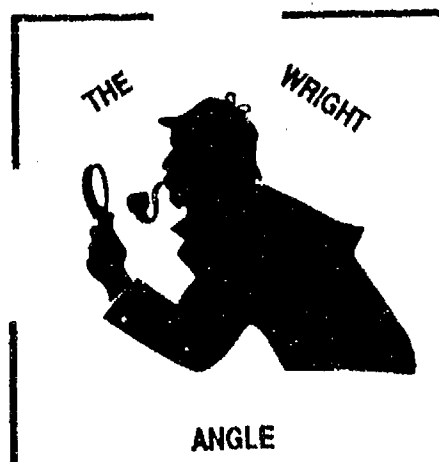
Now that I have been writing for over three months with several

columns under my belt, when I read back through them, I know that somewhere, something went wrong. I have yet to crucify one doer of civic evil. No injustices have been righted by my words. I have received few praises, and none from the unified voice of the masses. No one has cringed before me, and worst of all, this column has turned into the assignment from hell.

As I see it, there are three basic problems. First and foremost, now that I am getting to know the powers in the community; now that I am getting to see how they operate; I don't think there are as many evil-doers as I once thought. In fact I think most of them are pretty nice people just trying to do what they think is right. I certainly can't crucify them for that even if I don't always agree with them.

Secondly, if I were to stab the evil establishment with my finely honed words, enough to really hurt them, they would never be there for me again when I needed their input for a story. I depend on the movers and shakers in this community to provide me with the details that go into my main job which is writing the news. Without them I starve, my wife starves, and my poor little children starve.

Lastly, just when I think I have enough of a grasp on most issues to form a stinging opinion, someone comes along that knows more than I do, and I am shot down like a squirrel from a tree. I have made the heartbreaking discovery that I am not



the ultimate authority on everything, like I once thought. Before I try to convince you that you should believe the way that I tell you to, I want to make sure that I have all the facts. Please don't blame me for that.

Yes, I am ashamed to say that I have become a middle of the road, afraid to speak my mind, opinionless wimp. Where once stood a proud liberal tradition of shooting off my mouth in all the meaningless places, I now stand before you as a careful, conservative, mindless, opinionless wimp. What's a columnist to do?

Now that I've said all of this, I feel much better. Maybe I could even venture a moderate opinion. If you disagree with me, please don't ignore me or stop speaking to me. My opinion is probably wrong anyway. Oh well, here goes.

How about that RUSH LIMBAUGH creep! What a jerk! He's the most vile, evil, nasty, bigot-of-a-man that I have ever seen! Write to that lousy TV station and help me get that trash off the air!

There, that wasn't so bad was it?

Letters To The Editor

Hometown newspaper touches two readers

We would like to thank Shirley Schmoock so very much for the many hours she spent preparing the article "Shawono Center Restores Sherlock Memorial," in the *Crawford County Avalanche*, March 11, 1993. It touched us very deeply.

And to the boys who spent days and weeks sanding and staining "The

Bench" to bring it back to the original beauty that Terry Dickinson created with his talented hands and artist mind, we would like to express our gratitude.

The *Crawford County Avalanche* is truly a "Hometown Newspaper!"

Jack and Kae Lund
Bill's dad and mom
Ludington

Readers want to hear good things about our youth

We have read your article "Shawono Center restores Sherlock memorial" published March 3 by Shirley D. Schmoock. It was an inspiring article. We are very proud of these boys and young men. We love to read about the good things the younger generation does. The media will have us believe there are no good things happening with our youth today. When we know of some good things that are going on and call the TV stations, they say there is no story, unless it's horrid and violent, then that is news. I say otherwise. We need to hear of the good things going on with our youth. It is uplifting and makes us happy to leave this world in good hands.

We do not live in Michigan. We have a lot there and enjoy your beautiful country when weather permits. My husband subscribes to your paper because it tells us what is going on. Many, many times we have passed the Shawono Center and I have wondered what was happening there. Now I know and I am proud of the boys, men and teachers for doing special things for others. We will stop by the *Crawford County Library* and see this beautiful work on the bench. Thank you *Avalanche*!

Mrs. Paul Kasza
Toledo, Ohio

Resident says he's qualified to coach girls softball team

The girls high school softball program is a joke. I am a very avid softball player and what I saw on the 27th of April was enough to make me sick.

What I saw on Tuesday was nine girls out on a softball field not knowing their head from a hole in the ground.

I feel very sorry for the young ladies that make up the varsity softball team. It's a shame they will have to wait until their high school years are over to become winners.

Now parents, don't get angry over this letter because it is not directed at the girls on the team. I give them a lot of respect, because they are only playing the way they are coached to play.

This letter is directed at the athletic director and coaching staff of the varsity softball team.

I asked a few questions about the qualifications that Becky Brown has to coach a sport she knows nothing about.

I am also speaking for some of the parents and players that were as sick as I after what we saw and the way they played.

I ask anyone that knows anything about softball (fast pitch or slow pitch) how does a team score 13 runs without hitting the ball out of the infield?

I can tell you how. The girls don't even know the fundamentals of the game.

Now I ask why don't they know them? The answer is very easy. They are not coached in the right way.

I have a hard time dealing with the way our school system works with its athletic programs.

I give great credit to the football, baseball, basketball, wrestling, and ski teams but as we all know they still have their problems also.

This part goes out to the teachers in the system. You people ask the community to give their support to the school and the athletic programs.

Well, that's all well and good, but how many of you have seen the baseball team or the girl's softball team play? I think you should have to go to the games. How as teachers can you ask for the people in this county to give money and support the school when you people don't even go to show your support?

Now, back it or don't ask for it is my answer to that problem.

Back to the girls softball team. There is a lot of talent on the team and if they had the coaching they so badly need they would fare a lot better than they have.

I have volunteered to coach the team without pay but received no call.

Oh, you ask, what are my qualifications to coach the softball team?

Well, let's see here. I have played on many championship teams.

I have coached two state teams and have played on a team that has made it all the way to the nationals.

Now, you tell me if I could qualify to coach this team.

So now let me sum this up. Don't expect anything good to happen to the girls varsity softball team until they get a coach that knows the game and knows how to use all the talent the team has.

Girls, I am truly sorry you have to play for a coach that has no clue as to what should be going on the field! Good luck ladies. (You're going to need it.)

Russ DeHart
Grayling

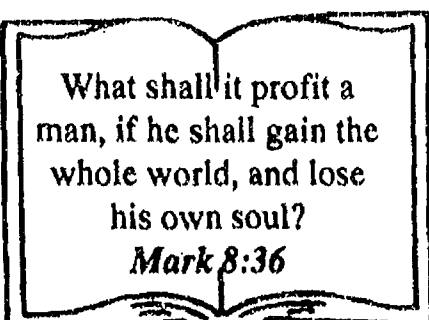
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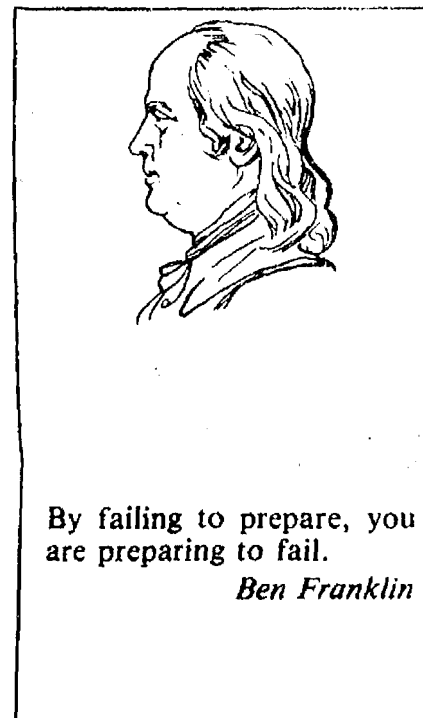
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GMS bands earn high marks in state festival competition

The Grayling Middle School 8th grade band received a I rating — the highest possible — at the Michigan State Band and Orchestra Association's (M.S.B.O.A.) State Band Festival in Gaylord on May 1.

"This is the first year that we have separated the 7th and 8th grade as a class and competed separately at festival," said Dennis Ormsbee, director. "Both groups earned I ratings at district, which allowed them to perform at state."

"The 8th grade peaked at the right time and performed very well Saturday," said Ormsbee. "It was truly a great day for Grayling and a great day in the lives of these fine students."

"The sight reading judge commented on the fine following by the parents and friends, and I am positive that the support that students see in the audience helps in their performance. What a great showing for Grayling!"

The band performed "Coast Guards," a march by Karl King; "The

Lion of Lucerne," a middle school class AA piece by Jim Curnow; and "Rhythm Machine," a high school class C piece by Timothy Broege.

JUDGES' COMMENTS

"Very nice job," wrote one judge. "I thought you played 'Lion of Lucerne' especially well. A pleasure to hear you!"

"A fine, fine, mature, musical performance," wrote another adjudicator.

"The band reads very well," wrote the sight reading judge. "Basics are well grounded. Continue into high school and enjoy it more each year. The best reading in your classification today. All sections came through nicely. Congratulations on a good reading."

7TH GRADE BAND

With two Is and two IIs, the 7th grade band -- under Director Mark

VanHoose -- received a II (excellent) rating at the state festival on Saturday.

"The band performed extremely well and demonstrated a great level of maturity for a 7th grade band," said VanHoose. "They definitely improved a great deal from their district festival performance."

The 7th grade band's performance included "March 1st" by Chattaway, "Vantage Overture" by Conley and "A Prehistoric Suite" by Jennings.

"You play with a great deal of excitement and musicality for such a young group. Congratulations," wrote Judge Larry Smith of the Midland Schools.

The three other adjudicators included Dr. Robert Stephenson, Northern Michigan University; Douglas Scripps, Alma College; and Walter Cole, retired band director at St. Johns.

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New cars, vacation trips are prizes during Cancer Society's golf tournament

The American Cancer Society's fourth annual golf tournament is set for Friday, May 21, 9 a.m., at the Fox Run Country Club in Grayling. This year's event appears to be bigger and better than ever before.

Registration fee is \$50 per golfer and includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, coffee, donuts, lots of prizes, lunch, and the chance to win a '93 Buick LaSabre or '93 Mercury Sable, a Florida golf vacation for two, two U.S. air tickets anywhere in the Continental U.S. and a set of Mizuno Irons for a hole in one on four different holes — compliments of Scheer Motors and Grayling Ford.

The event helps support the

American Cancer Society with all proceeds going toward research, education and patient services, and rehabilitation.

This is a four-person scramble (men and women) with the winning scramble foursome (men and women) advancing to the state finals and a shot at the nationals in Florida.

Interested golfers may pick up registration forms at Fox Run Country Club, Dawn Donuts, Ole Dam Party Store, Sylvesters Sports and Cornell Real Estate and Insurance.

Registration forms must be returned by May 14. Send forms along with \$50 per person entree fee to: American Cancer Society, PO Box 350, Grayling, MI 49738. For further information contact: Dale Nicholas, Chairman, (517) 348-8665.

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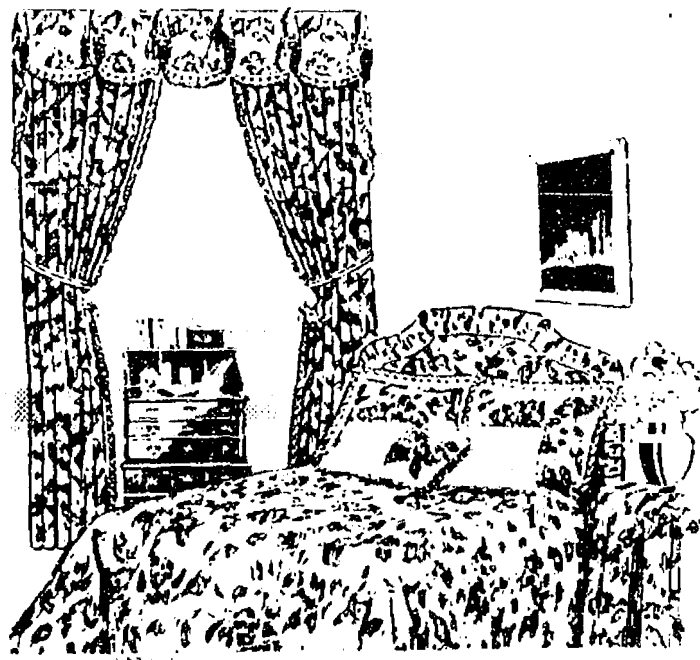
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City joins Water Week celebration

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Morford said the Safe Drinking Water Act amendments of 1986 created tough safety regulations for water utilities. "Water Week provides a chance for customers to recognize the commitment of system professionals to meet these tough standards."

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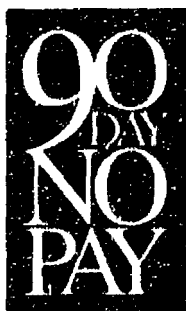
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Obituaries

Marie Nelson

Marie S. Nelson, 76, of Grayling, died May 2, 1993, at Grayling Mercy Hospital. Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 8, 1993, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, at 1 p.m. with the Reverend Michael Kemper officiating. Burial will be Elmwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Nelson was born May 12, 1916, in Fenton, to James and Blanche Heffner, both deceased.

Mrs. Nelson was a Licensed Practical Nurse and a homemaker, moving from Mio to Grayling 34 years ago. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and OES Chapter 83.

Survivors include: son, John J. O'Dell of Wirth, Arkansas; daughter, Barbara L. Haight of Cave Junction, Oregon; step-daughters, Caroline Harding of Spokane, Washington, Marjorie Rinas of Owosso, Barbara Nelson of Long Beach, California, Berneice Lemert of Grayling; step-sons, Junior Palmer and Leo Palmer of Grayling; brother, James Heffner of Linden; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. John Lutheran Church.

Mabel Crawford

Mabel Crawford, 87, of Grayling, died Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at the Meadows of Grayling. Funeral Services were held Monday, April 26, 1993, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Dr. Dennis Paulson officiating. Burial was in Lovells Cemetery, Lovells Township.

Pallbearers were James Crawford, Michael Crawford, James Myers, Jerry Myers, Brian Molitor, Gary Shepherd. Honorary Pallbearers were Kenneth Vance, Kevin Crawford, Bradley Crawford, Gene Crawford, Terry Shepherd, Robert Shepherd, David Shepherd, Randy Molitor, Richard Myers, Jeff Crawford, Ronnie Crawford, Carl Crawford, Lloyd Crawford Winkler.

Mrs. Crawford was born March 20, 1906, in Lovells Township. She was a life-resident of Crawford County, and came from a family of seventeen.

Mrs. Crawford was preceded in death by her husband, Paul; sons, James, Gene and Thomas Crawford; several brothers and sisters; and her parents, James and Elizabeth (Hyslip) Kellogg.

Kathleen Miller

Kathleen A. Miller, 79, of Roscommon, died April 25, 1993 at Hilltop Manor Health Care Center. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

Mrs. Miller was born August 5, 1913, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, to William John and Alenia Mae (Vogt) Butcher. She married James E. Miller, November 25, 1962, in Farmington, and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sister Evelyn Mae Wortman.

Survivors include: sons, Charles W. (Mary) Curtis of Caro, and William R. (Shirley) Curtis of Farmington; daughter, Mildred V. (Larry) Johnson of Howell; nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, sister Mary Margaret Peterson of Lansing, and friend Joseph Grad of Roscommon.

Cards of thanks

To all our friends in Grayling, thank you for all the cards and phone calls while I was in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, and at my daughter, Margi's home in Canton, recuperating and taking out-patient therapy. I am doing fine and hope to be home the first part of May. Your love and support meant so much to Marge and I. Thanks again.

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In memory of Jake Helsel who passed away May 10, 1989, four years ago.

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Wife, Children and Grandchildren

Cards of thanks

I would like to thank everyone who helped when our house burned. A special thanks to the Crawford County Fire Department, the Crawford County Police Department, and friends and family.

Chris and Dan Smith

Bits Of Talk

Mr. and Mrs. John Kapets of Grayling have recently returned from Europe where they spent the Easter holidays visiting their daughter Suzanne, son-in-law Tom, and grandchildren Andrew and Kelly. During their eighteen day stay they visited Germany, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, France, Poland, Austria, Liechtenstein, and Czechoslovakia. Their travels included stops in Paris, Brussels, Berlin, and Prague. Other historical sites visited included Waterloo, Heidelberg Castle, the town of Rothenberg, the Black Forest, a trip down the famous German Winestrasse, and a boat cruise down the Rhine River.

Rebecca Lee Oliver was born April 16, 1993, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Her parents are Rich and Anne Oliver of Grayling and she has a sister, Lyndsay, and a brother, Aaron, at home. She weighed seven pounds, 13 1/2 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

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Our thank you to all who planned and gave us a retirement party. To Billie Kessler and all who helped her. Also for the memorable plaque. To Donna Carmean and Mary Jo Gingerick for their help and the video to remember it.

Thank you for the lovely flowers from Laura Schans, Ernie Dawson and Grayling State Bank. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce for the special clock. Thank you to mayor Robert Golnick for the proclamation plaque and speech also from Rep. Allen Lowe.

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Clyde Marion

Clyde C. Marion, 83, of Dearborn and Grayling, died Friday, April 30, 1993. Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 4, 1993, at Howe-Peterson Dearborn Chapel and Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Dearborn. Burial was in Mt. Kelly Cemetery.

Mr. Marion was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and sister, Sister Rose DeLoures I.H.M.

Survivors include: children, Daniel and wife, Mary Marion, Ann Louise and husband, Jerry Eisenberger; brothers and sisters, Casey Kozole, James Marion, Loretta Wozny and Michael Marion; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Survivors include: sons, Glenn and wife, Frieda Crawford of Trenton, Missouri, Lloyd and wife, Helen Crawford of Grayling, Paul and wife, Nannie Crawford of Lima, Ohio; daughters, Norma and husband, William Francisco of Blountstown, Florida, Anita and husband, James Myers of Troy; sisters, Florence and husband, Lawrence Loftus of Gaylord, Helen Proulx and Cecilia and husband, Lyle St. John, both of Grayling; brothers, Guy and wife, Susie Kellogg of Battle Creek, Elmer Kellogg of Twin Lakes; 32 grandchildren; and 50 great-grandchildren.

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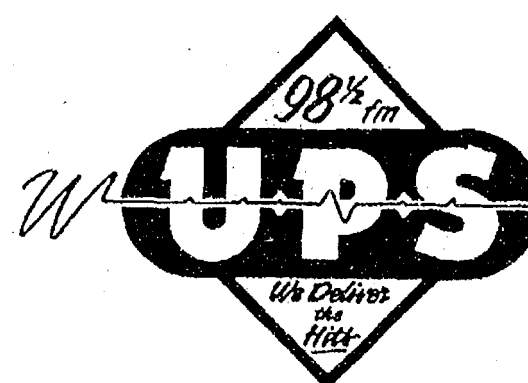


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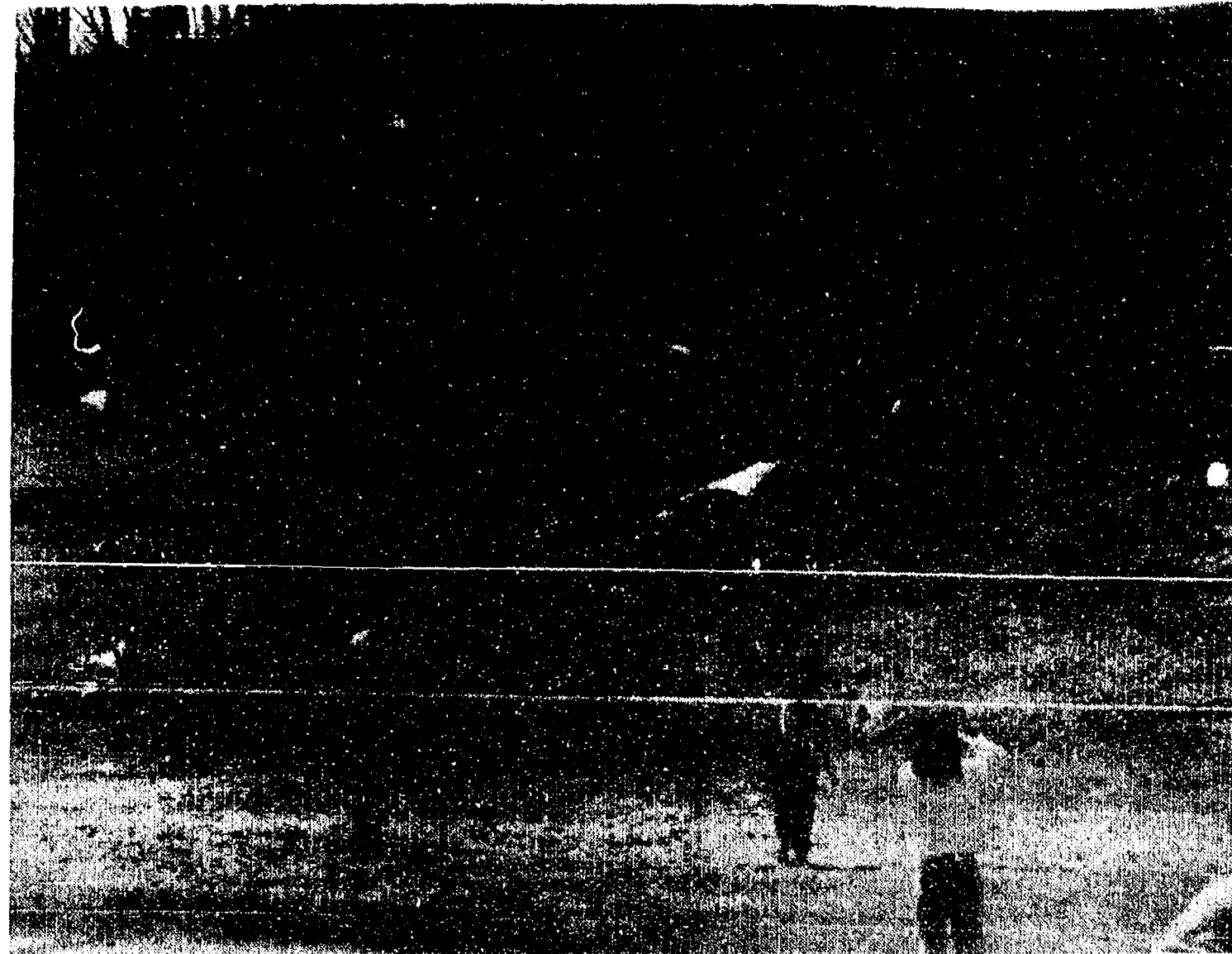
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GOP invites public to program on Proposal A

On June 2nd Crawford County residents will be voting on raising the sales tax from four to six percent to cut property taxes and improve school financing. The Crawford County Republican Committee will host a program to explain the proposal at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 17, at the Chief Shoppenagons Hotel. State Representative Allen Lowe and County Treasurer Joe Wakeley will team up to explain the complete package and how it will affect Crawford County residents and the Crawford AuSable Schools.

Everyone is invited for the program. If you have questions, you will have a chance to ask them and get an answer. If time allows, Lowe will bring us up to date on other legislation in the state.

The May county republican meeting will follow the tax program.



KITE FLYING DAY AT HANSON HILLS—Dozens of kids enjoyed the day last Sunday with free kites and a stiff breeze at the annual kids kite flying day at Hanson Hills.

Lovells Extension group seeks better T.V. programs

The Lovells Extension on April 14 met in the aesthetic setting of the Warblers Lodge and enjoyed a lecture by Howard Taylor on the importance of fine art in our lives. Taylor is directing the forthcoming Milltown Follies and has invited the senior members to participate.

Five members, Del Nowaczyk, Marion Mapes, Mildred Johnson, Vi Bigford and Irene Honey attended the North Central District meeting of F.C.E. in Cheboygan. The meeting focuses on the goals of the extension groups for the coming year. One of

them is television influences on children. The Lovells group wants to exert some pressure on the T.V. stations to seek better programs for time slots that children are exposed to.

The May 12th meeting will be held at the Lovells Twp. Hall. The north end members will provide the luncheon. The guest speaker will be Gerry Schroeder of the Grayling Food Pantry. Members are asked to bring packaged or canned food to contribute to the supply of the pantry. The annual plant exchange will be conducted at the end of the meeting.

Home health care discussed at Grayling Rotary meeting

"Home health care is viable and here to stay and is fast becoming an integral part of the healthcare system in this country." This was the message delivered by Barb Hanss Koerner, staffing coordinator for Amicare Home Healthcare, to members of the Grayling Rotary Club at their weekly luncheon meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at Chief Shoppenagons. Hanss Koerner has spoken to numerous community and church organizations to increase awareness of the comprehensive service lines which Amicare provides to the Grayling area and part or all of nine other counties.

"I see somewhat of a phenomenon up here in northern Michigan," she told Rotary members. "Family members are more apt to take care of their own — husbands taking care of their wives, children taking care of their parents. It is an awesome responsibility." Amicare Home Healthcare can play an integral role in this responsibility by providing support services and respite care for other family members or for the primary caregiver. Amicare's extended-hour program provides assistance to those who need help with daily activities of living. This could include assistance with bathing, dressing, meal preps, light housekeeping and transport to and from appointments. Depending on the needs, Amicare can provide service to all age groups. Skilled nursing and therapy services, home IV therapy services, respiratory services, home medical equipment and mobility aids are also available through the Grayling branch office.

Because of continued pressures on

health care costs, Amicare, along with other components of the community health care system, will pursue the development of cost-effective, healthcare programs to assure patient care in a quality, compassionate setting. The focus is on continuity and delivery of care which will ultimately benefit the patient.

In other action at the April 27 meeting, Burnis Meech, a long standing resident of Grayling and waitress for numerous years at Chief Shoppenagons, was honored by the Rotary group. Special recognition and appreciation were expressed for the fine service she provided to the Rotary members during their luncheon meetings.

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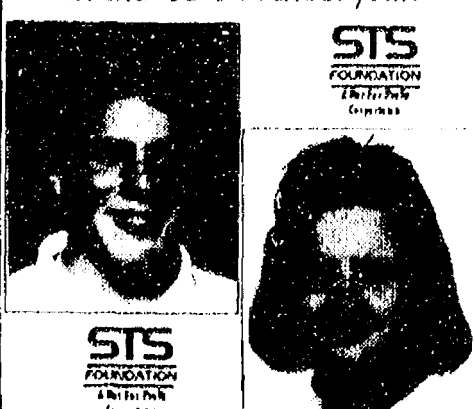
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Beautification project gains support

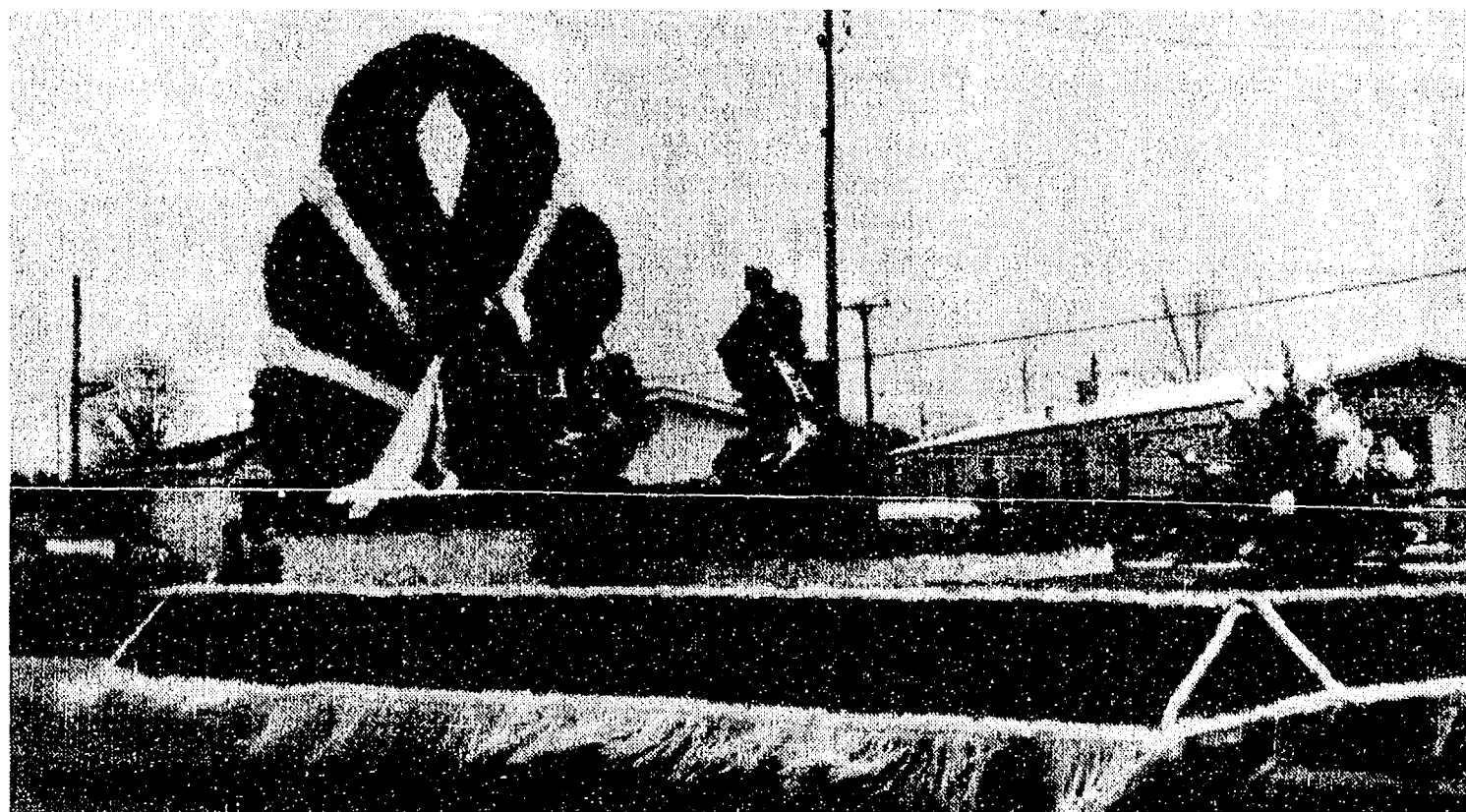
The tourism/beautification committee of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that the planting of the I-75 Business Loop "test plot" is scheduled to be completed by May 15, 1993. The test plot will be planted in the median in front of the Grayling Country Club and Cornell Real Estate. Cooperative Extension Representative Roy Spangler has agreed to coordinate the project. According to Roy, "The Upper Peninsula Trefoll Growers

Association have graciously donated enough Birdsfoot Trefoll seeds to possibly complete the entire project."

Meanwhile, the chamber will be contacting other civic organizations within the community to solicit monetary support for the purchase of two new welcome signs for Grayling. The first sign is slated for the I-75 Business Loop South as visitors enter the Grayling City Limits off of the I-75 highway. It is

anticipated that the first phase of the project will be completed by July 1, 1993.

The second phase of the project will include the planting of the entire median, the planting of trees along the I-75 Business Loop South and the completion of the additional welcome sign to Grayling. If you or your organization are interested in supporting the project, please feel free to contact the chamber office for the date and time of the next beautification meeting.



COMMUNITY FLOAT MAKES DEBUT—Miss Grayling Julie Hinderleider, and her court (Melanie Ross and Mandeel Micek) adorned the new Grayling community float in the Kalkaska Trout Festival Parade, Saturday, April 24, 1993.

Chamber to coordinate community calendar

The chamber is requesting all area civic organizations to submit in writing their organization's key events to be published in a "Community Calendar of Events." This information will then be used to establish an annual calendar of events to be published by the

chamber and submitted to publications, tourists and residents.

It is hoped that by coordinating such a calendar, the chamber can eliminate the risk of local civic organizations and businesses competing for the same attendance, dollars or community support.

The deadline for mailing in event information to the chamber will be Friday, May 21, 1993.

If information is not received by this date it will not be included. It is anticipated that the calendar will be available by June 1, 1993, at the chamber office.

Chamber addresses DNR

Chamber Director Deborah Allen recently addressed the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at the April 28th public hearing regarding the M-72 West Bridge construction project. Allen requested the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation be conscientious of the Grayling business community as they move forward, and that every effort should be made to minimize the inconvenience that may occur during the construction project. Any business that did not have their issues addressed at the public meeting are encouraged to write to the Department of Natural Resources; Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 30028, Lansing, MI, 48909, to have their concerns included as the public record.

The DNR will accept written public comment up to May 12, 1993.

Profile on Grayling

The chamber and the Grayling Area Visitors Council are working together with WUPS 98.5 FM and AM 1290 WHGR to highlight the Grayling community during a two-week series called "Profile on Grayling" which will air May 10th through the 22nd. The series will consist of three parts; an editorial on "Grayling's Great Outdoors," thirteen interviews with business community leaders, and business profiles highlighting area merchants and industrialists.

Military receptions set by committee

The chamber's military affairs committee has recently announced the schedule for the "Military

Receptions." Each of the military receptions are scheduled to be held at the Camp Grayling Officers Club from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: June 2nd, Illinois reception; June 22nd, Michigan reception; July 20th, Ohio reception; August 3rd, Indiana reception, and August 24th, Ohio reception.

(1993 training schedules are now available at the chamber office.) Additionally, the chamber would like to remind local businesses that a special retirement reception will be held on Thursday, May 6, 1993, from 4 to 6 p.m. in honor of Brigadier General Jerome Mathieu and his wife, at the Officer's Club. Tickets can be purchased at the chamber office.

EXPO '93 quality event

The chamber was very pleased with the quality of exhibits and the level of professionalism among all of the businesses that participated in EXPO '93. EXPO was established to provide the community with an opportunity to view area businesses and service. It is hoped that by experiencing the various businesses in the area that residents will have a greater appreciation for the community and the businesses that operate here. It was estimated that more than seven hundred individuals visited EXPO over the two-day event.

Representative Allen Lowe was on hand for the kick-off of "EXPO '92: An Exposition of Crawford County Business, Service and Industry" and both city and county officials presented the chamber with proclamations supporting Friday, April 16, 1993, as "Grayling/Crawford County Business & Industry Day."

Lowe offers citizen's guide

Representative Allen Lowe has recently published a very valuable tool for his constituents "A Citizen's Guide to State Government." These useful guides do indeed guide citizens with such useful information as how to "organize" a group to lobby for or against legislation. A limited supply of booklets are available at the chamber office. What a helpful tool!

Local business works with chamber to fight crime

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce was recently contacted by Gail Madsen of Skip's Sport Shop of Grayling to review a program to deter retail and residential crime in Crawford County. Gail was made aware of the program on a recent trip to Oakland County. The program involves the chamber, area businesses and local law enforcement working together to establish a reward system for individuals who provide information that would lead to the conviction of criminals in our county.

"This 'get tough' attitude is essential to send a message to would-be criminals that businesses and residents won't tolerate that behavior in Crawford County," states local business owner, Gail Madsen. The chamber's role in this

program would be to offer its three hundred-plus members the opportunity, for a minimal investment, to take an active part in eliminating crime in Crawford County. The investments made by local businesses would establish a reward fund. These dollars would be used as incentives for informants to provide valuable information that may lead to the conviction of a criminal. Only after a criminal was convicted would the informant be eligible for the reward money. It is anticipated that the program will begin this spring after all of the details are worked out between the chamber and the local law enforcement offices. If your business is interested in reducing crime in Crawford County please call the chamber office at 348-2921 or Gail Madsen at 348-7111.

Chamber commends local businesses

The chamber's education committee would like to commend the area business professionals who volunteered to inform students of the various job opportunities in Crawford County. The committee worked closely with Grayling High School teachers, Angela Anderson and Tom Mills to bring business professionals into junior and senior classes to reemphasize the importance of a solid "work ethic" on today's teens. Job requirements, skills, education and training are some of the topics that were presented by the business guest speakers.

Businesses and/or agencies that participated in the senior program were: the Crawford County Avalanche, Glen's Markets, Ben

Franklin Family Center, Grayling State Bank (GSB), Empire National Bank, Borchers' Canoe Livery, Mercy Hospital, Weyerhaeuser, the chamber of commerce, and the City of Grayling.

The junior class programs were focused on interviewing skills and were presented by Mercy Hospital, Empire National Bank and Weyerhaeuser. Additionally, as a preview to EXPO '93 were as many as thirty area business representatives that assisted in the mock interviewing of high school juniors and seniors. The chamber would like to extend a "thank you" to all of the businesses who participated in the business/educational partnership.

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GAVC features:

The Visitors Council elects new officers

The board of directors of the Grayling Area Visitors Council would like to announce that Dave Sabin has been elected to fulfill the term of president on the GAVC board. Dave previously held the position of treasurer on the board. The board elected Todd Schult, the new manager at the Hospitality

House, to the position of treasurer. Additionally, the board recently elected to move the monthly meeting date to the first Wednesday of each month at 8:15 a.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn.

All GAVC members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Congratulations to the new officers!

Discovery Channel to feature Weyerhaeuser

Weyerhaeuser Grayling will be one of four American businesses featured in May on the Discovery Channel. The focus of the Discovery program is a follow up to a recent publication called "America's 100 Best Companies To Work For," which featured Weyer-

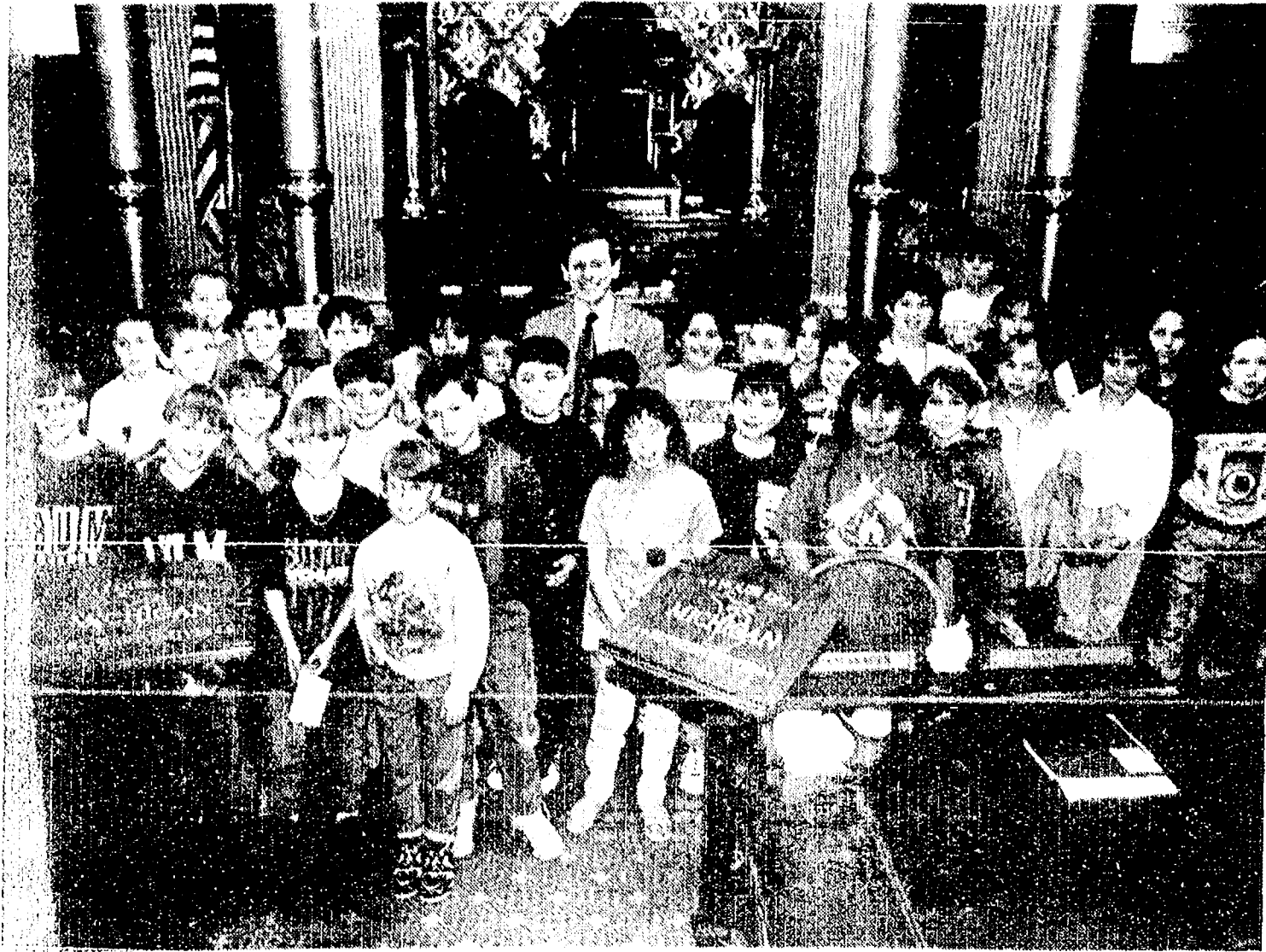
haeuser. Weyerhaeuser Company, has in turn, elected to have the Grayling operation highlighted as part of the Discovery Channel's feature entitled "Profiles of Corporate America." The program is scheduled to run in June.

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CAPITOL VISIT--Students from the Grayling Middle School visited Lansing on April 22 and received a tour of the Michigan Capitol from Representative Allen Lowe, R-105th District. The fifth graders and their instructors, Dawn Feldhauser and Karen Wallace, walked through the restored House chambers and heard a short presentation from the Grayling lawmaker.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH--Nominated for Grayling Middle School students of the month for March were (back row, left to right) Melanie Green, Kari Cikalo, Catherine Baldwin, Paul Niederer, Jeremy Colby, Bethany Pettyjohn, Erin Patrick, Ryan Steiger, Christa Gothro, Lindsey Voelker; (second row) Amy Stevenson, Andrea Gerling, Matthew Wakeley, Kevin Jansen, Michael Harland, Veronica Scheer, Katie Olson, Aaron Cook, Heidi Eyerson; (front row) Bethanie Black, Jesse Wininger, Carter Pavey, Brent Holborn, Kyle Maples, Tim Ormsbee, and Sean Dushanec. Absent was Stephanie Hellebuyck.



APRIL STUDENTS OF THE MONTH--Grayling Middle School students nominated for April Student of the Month were: (back row, left to right) Shannon Papendick, Paul Reischelderfer, David Allen, Tammy Wood, Bethane Hunter, Holly Anger, Nicole Schornack, Mark Gingerick, Jason Wilson; (middle row) Jason Boone, Matthew Klooster, Jessica Ferrigan, Amy Doherty, Nathan Beckwith, Sara Taylor, Jesse Hannum, Amanda Pratt; (front row) Sara Eagen, Jenny French, Michelle Adkison, Jason Potter, Nathan Witt, Eli Tobin, and Ben Dratnol. Absent from the photo were Dennis Gugin, KeAlii Clifton, Andrea Gerling, and Rachael Porter.

Frederic Elementary School

Markas Kapnick

Mrs. Dunckley's class

I chose Henry David Thoreau because I would like to learn about being an environmentalist . . . An environmentalist is someone who cares about the condition of the earth. Some people believe that Thoreau invented the environmental movement over a hundred years ago.

Thoreau was born in Concord, Mass., on July 12, 1817. He taught school with his brother John and from time to time worked with his father who manufactured pencils, but his goal was to write. He went to Harvard college and graduated in 1837. A lot of his friends thought he was a bit strange because of his social beliefs. He thought that people should be free to act according to their own ideas of right and wrong, without government interference. He said people should refuse to obey any law they believe is unjust. In 1846 he refused to pay his taxes and was locked up in jail for a night. A neighbor paid his taxes for him as he was prepared to stay in jail for as long as he had to. Thoreau is said to have greatly influenced leaders of the American Civil rights movement.

In 1845, Thoreau moved to the shore of Walden Pond near Concord, Mass. He lived there alone in a house he built himself. He never got married and spent most of his time writing, walking in the woods and talking to his neighbors. He got a little bit of money by being a handyman for his friends. He never ate meat and lived on mostly vegetables he grew in his own garden. It was during that time that he wrote a book called *Walden*. It tells about how he built his house, paid his bills and spent his time. The book is a celebration of people living in harmony

with nature. Thoreau did this because he wanted people to respect nature and care what happens to the woods, ponds, and all the animals who live there. Thoreau once said, "Heaven is under our feet, as well as over our heads." This means that the earth should be treated with love and respect.

Thoreau died on May 6, 1862. He had been outside a couple days before mending a fence when he cut himself on a rusty part of the fence. He got sick with something called lockjaw and back then there was no cure for it. He knew he was dying and gathered his family and friends together to say goodbye. When his aunt asked him, "Have you made your peace with God?" he replied, "I was not aware that I had quarreled with Him." He felt he was okay with God because he had treated the earth and all of its animals with respect.

Walden Woods and Walden Pond in Concord, Mass., has been a great place for people to visit. You can camp, take hikes in the woods, go boating and fishing on the pond, and see all sorts of birds and other small animals. In 1990, a company from Boston, Mass., bought the land and were planning on tearing down the woods and polluting the pond. They were going to build an apartment building and other housing projects.

That means all the trees and animals would be gone. A singer by the name of Don Henley founded an organization called The Walden Woods Project. He and members of this project are trying to raise money to save Walden Woods. They have done all kinds of things like doing benefit concerts, writing books, selling T-shirts, selling calendars, and having benefit walks, with all the money going to the Walden Woods Project. The total amount they need to save Walden Woods is eight million dollars. So far they have raised about three million. Walden Woods is now listed as one of the nation's eleven most endangered historic places.

My mom and I support the Walden Woods Project because we don't want the animals to die and the pond to get polluted. We hope to some day take a trip there and walk in the woods—the same woods that Henry David Thoreau walked in.

This is one of my favorite quotes by Thoreau.

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

Walden
Henry David Thoreau

Frederic Elementary Carnival ready to go Friday evening

The Frederic Elementary School Carnival is gearing up for a big night 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 7.

The Frederic Elementary Parent Organization is hosting the carnival of games, door prizes, cake walks, and food.

The following businesses have donated prizes for the Carnival: AuSable Woodworking Co., Den Franklin Family Center, Buccilli's Pizza, Carlisle Paddles Inc., Casual Cuts, Car Quest Auto Parts Inc., Ceramic Shop, Chief Shoppenagon Motor Hotel, Copper Kettle, Crawford County Avalanche, CSI Industrial Systems Corp., Deb and Dale's Family Style Shop, DuBois Lumber Co., Econo-Cuts, Elias Brothers Big Boy Restaurants, Framery II, Frederic Fire Dept., Grayling Auto

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Profits will go to improve the Frederic Elementary School playground.

Walkers needed for Saturday March of Dimes

The March of Dimes needs volunteers for WalkAmerica to be held on Saturday, May 8, at Grayling Mercy Hospital at 11 a.m. Walkers may check-in at 10:30 a.m. The walk is a five-mile route around Grayling. Sponsor envelopes are available at Grayling Mercy Hospital and Grayling State Bank.

The March of Dimes mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality through community services, advocacy, research and education.

For more information, call 517-791-3622.

Lady golfers Monday league to organize

The Monday Night Ladies Golf League will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m., at the Grayling Country Club.

As it is a fun league, beginners are welcome and one need not be a member of the club to play.

For more information, contact President Denise Parkinson at 348-2993.

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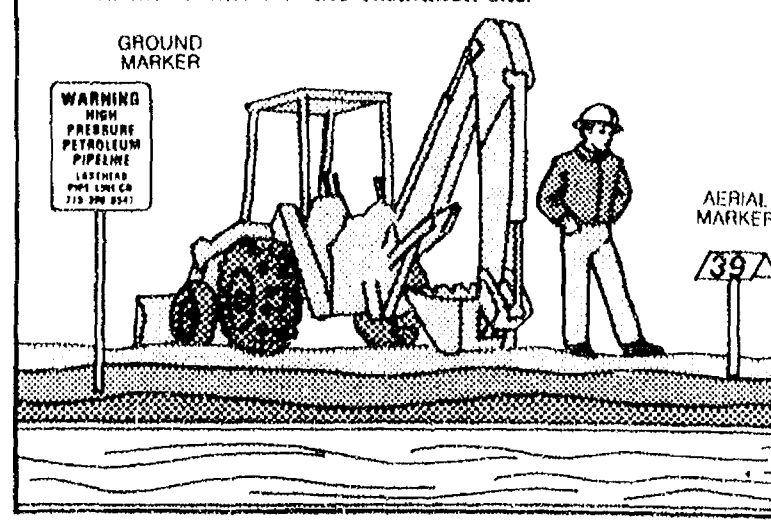
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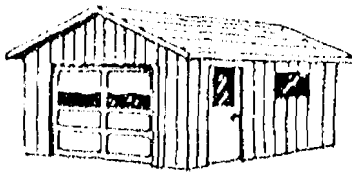
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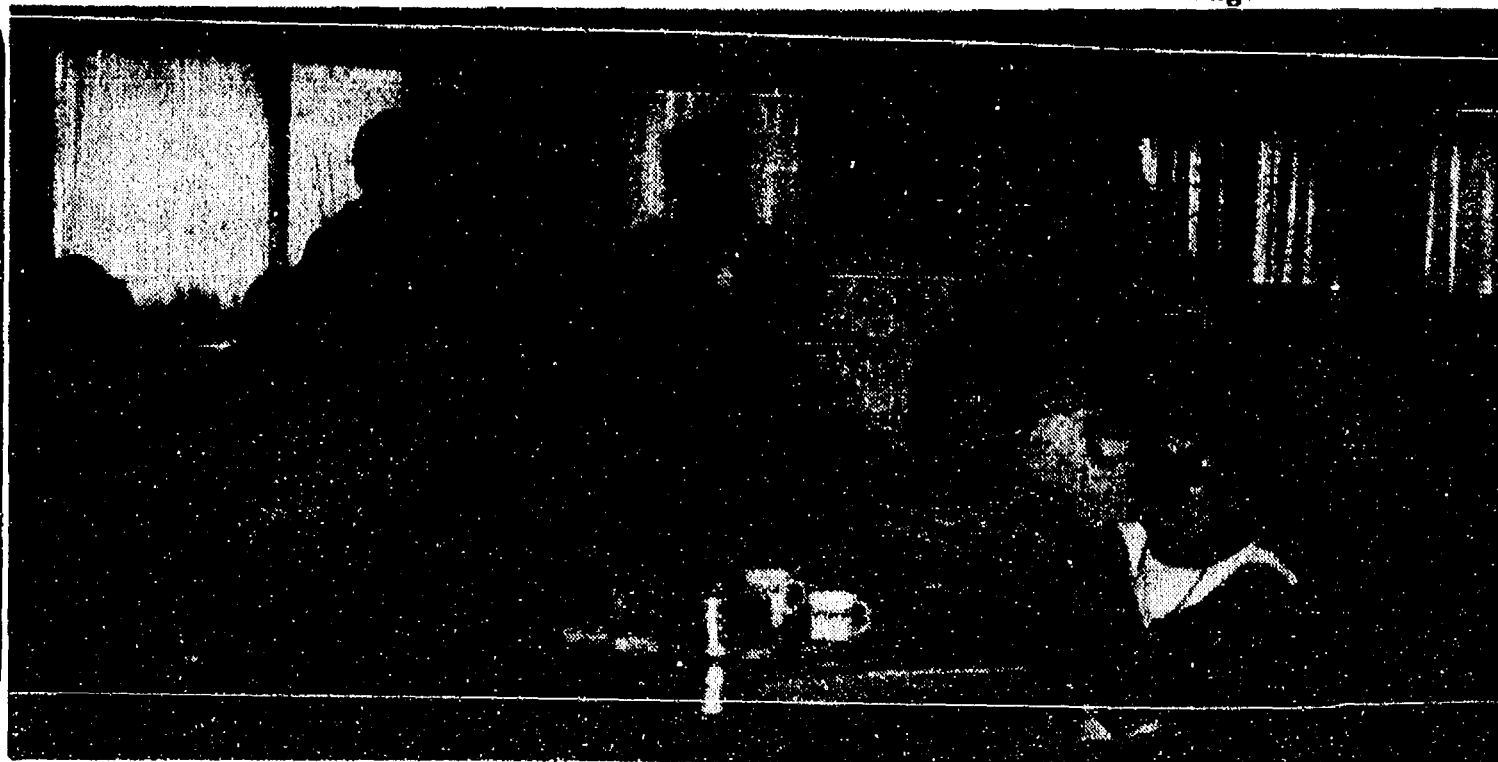
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THE SHOW GOES ON—Shown above are some of the members of the Grayling Milltown Follies Chorus as they begin rehearsal on one of the more than twenty numbers they will present in the Follies to be presented in June.

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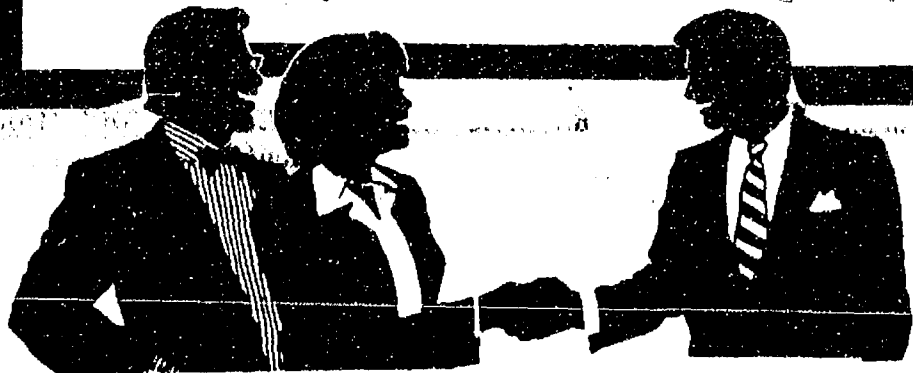
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Rehearsals continue for Milltown Follies

Rehearsals for the first annual production of the "Milltown Follies" are continuing on a regular basis each Thursday afternoon at the Grayling Senior Center. The Milltown Follies will be presented in two performances at the Grayling High School Auditorium June 11 and 12. Performance time has been set at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7:15. All seats are general admission and tickets, \$6 a person, will be available soon.

The Milltown Follies is being presented by Grayling area senior citizens presently hard at work practicing dance routines and chorus numbers. The nucleus of the group is a class in play production sponsored through the Crawford AuSable School District's Adult Education Program. The class meets each Thursday afternoon at the Senior Center on Lawndale Street. At 2:30 each Thursday afternoon, the class breaks from its formal classroom activities and begins to sing and dance the numbers that will be presented during the show.

Two of the features of the First Annual Milltown Follies will be the Follies Chorus and the Follies Corps de Ballet. The Follies chorus is comprised of fifty singers, all of them senior citizens. The one requirement that must be met before you can participate in the show, is that you have attained the minimum age of 50 years. For their portion of the show, the Milltown Chorus will present no less than 20 foot-tappin' musical renditions of well-known songs of days gone by.

The Follies Corps de Ballet is a group of sixteen ladies, all who have met the minimum requirement for participation in the production, who will present no less than four dazzling dance numbers, including a show-stopping tap routine to the 1937 Broadway musical title song, "42nd Street."

All in all, the Milltown Follies will present over 25 exciting numbers in two full acts of music, dancing and comedy sketches.

Glen's Market employees help Special Olympics

Glen's Market is offering a hot dog and pop for only \$1 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 7-8. In addition, a bake sale of goods

made by Glen's Market employees will be held. All proceeds from the two sales will benefit Special Olympics.

Commission On Aging

By Jan Farley

An uproariously fun time was had by all at the western Dance held last Tuesday. Most everyone dressed in western garb and were subject to being arrested for all sorts of reasons by our "Sheriff" and were thrown into our "Hoosgow." Mug shots were taken and in order to gain their freedom, someone had to bail them out! Needless to say, there was a hot time at the old "Bar-None-Ranch."

Last Wednesday, twenty of our seniors traveled to the Gaylord Center and had lunch. Got to see some old friends and neighbors and had a very nice time. This month the "out to lunch" gang will go to Kalkaska Center on the 26th. Sign up now for the trip.

The Senior Citizen dining room is, "Where the elite meet 'eat'!" For a donation of \$1.50 per meal for seniors and a cost of \$2.50 for those under 60, you can get the best deal in town on a delicious meal. Reservations are needed (348-7123), but if you find yourself in town and want to stop in, please feel free to enjoy our meals at any time; we can always feed you.

Cards of thanks

Thank you everyone for the gifts, flowers, cards, phone calls and everything everyone has done for me while I was in the hospital and home. I hope I can repay everyone at sometime or another. I love you all.

Eileen Parsons

Cards of thanks

A wish comes true!
A very special thank-you to Paul Lokai and the Kmart Good News Committee, Sears Catalog Store, Glen's and all the caring people who gave to make a very sick little girl's wish come true! God bless you all
The family of "Becca" Jones

Coming Events

Special Mother's Day dinner on Wednesday, May 5th; call for reservations, 348-7123.

Remember Cards Night on May 4th at 5:30; bring friends to make up a table or come and join with others to make up a table.

May 7-Frederic Satellite at 11:30 and Dance with Tina at the Center at 12:30.

Logo contest offers \$100 savings bond

There will be a \$100 savings bond awarded to the first prize winner of a logo contest for the Higgins Lake Advisory Committee.

The logo must be on 8 1/2 X 11 inch size paper (typewriting paper). Theme of logo must stress "protection of Higgins Lake." Drawing of logo may be in color or black and white.

Contest entries must be turned into your principal's office at Grayling or Roscommon before school lets out in June. Judging will be done by the Higgins Lake Advisory Committee and the winner will be notified in September.

Print your name, grade, and school on the back of the logo.

Little Miss Pageant slated for July 21

The Little Miss Crawford County fair pageant will be held this year on Wednesday, July 21, at 7 p.m. Do you have an aspiring little miss in your family? If so, and she is between the ages of five and eight years old and a resident of Crawford County, you can pick up the contestant packet at the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce office, City Park.

There is an entry fee and an admission charge at the door. Applications must be in by June 12, 1993.

Local Kiwanis members observe Prayer Week

Grayling Kiwanis members will recognize Worldwide Kiwanis Prayer Week May 9-15, said Dean Smith, president of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling.

In observance of Worldwide Kiwanis Prayer Week, the club members will covenant to pray for local schools and organizations which provide services to children and youth, said Smith.

The observance, which began in 1980, provides Kiwanis clubs with an opportunity to promote religious activities throughout the community, as well as recognizing individuals for their outstanding contributions to spiritual welfare, said Smith.

Last year, Kiwanis clubs raised and spent more than \$65 million on community service activities, with a special emphasis on meeting the needs of young children. Kiwanis members also donated more than 22 million volunteer hours to these service activities.

Cards of thanks

The family of Mabel Crawford would like to express our thanks to Meadows of Grayling staff; Grayling Mercy Hospital staff; Doctors' Burkley, McNamara, Gosling and Williams, Sister Rosemary, and Marion Goelf, for their compassionate understanding.

To our friends and relatives for the prayers, cards, flowers, books, and food during this time of need. And to Sorenson's Funeral Chapel, Reverend Dennis Paulson, our granddaughter, Stacie Shepherd, for her beautiful solo accompanied by Jennie Annis, and to Paul Crawford, Jr., for his special mother prayer. And to the Cheerful Giver's of Lovells for their lovely luncheon.

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No-hitter helps Vikings sweep Whittemore-Prescott



STRONG OFFENSE--Senior Scott Garner takes a whack at the ball in the GHS varsity baseball team's first game against Whittemore last Friday. The Vikings swept the doubleheader against the Cardinals, 3-0 and 9-0. (Bryan Bearss Photos)

By Nancy Lemmen

The Grayling High School varsity baseball team emerged from a busy week with four wins and two losses to move its season record to 6-4 (2-0).

The Vikings beat Houghton Lake twice on Tuesday and Whittemore-Prescott twice on Friday, then lost a doubleheader to Cheboygan on Saturday.

This week, Grayling has only one doubleheader scheduled — away against Gaylord on Thursday, May 6, at 4 p.m.

The home games against Cheboygan scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, have been changed to Friday, May 28.

WINS AT HOUGHTON LAKE

Grayling beat the Bobcats, 12-2, in the opener called according to the ten-run mercy regulation, after five innings.

Senior Scott Garner took the win with a two-hitter and seven strike-

outs.

All nine starters picked up at least one hit.

Seniors Eric LaForest and Nathan Mead both had two hits.

Senior Mike Kirmo, junior Chris Wolcott, senior Mitch McMillan, Garner, senior Caleb Casey, senior Steve Branch and senior Dennis Stocker all had one hit apiece.

The Vikings merced the Bobcats again, 13-3, after six innings in the second game of the afternoon.

Kirmo, the winning pitcher in the second game, tossed a one-hitter and struck out seven batters.

Wolcott scored three runs.

Kirmo, McMillan, Garner and senior Loren Lugviel all scored two runs each.

Wolcott, Garner, LaForest, Lugviel, Stocker and junior Paul Hartman each had singles.

WHITTEMORE-PRESCOTT GAMES

The Vikings swept their first division doubleheader — and their first home games — against Whittemore-Prescott on Friday.

(All games played in the Great Northern League last only six innings to make it easier to get two in before dark.)

"The first one was a good game," said Coach Fred Wolcott. "Whittemore had a pretty good left handed pitcher."

But it was Grayling's Garner who took the 3-0 win, tossing a one-hitter. Whittemore's only hit came from a lead-off double in the fifth inning.

"We had a 2-0 lead going into fifth," said Wolcott. "Then they loaded the bases. But Garner threw to Wolcott at 2nd base to pick off the runner and end the inning."

Of Grayling's three runs, two came in the first inning. Kirmo led off with a double, Wolcott was safe on an error by the shortstop and McMillan walked to load bases. Garner, hit by a pitch, brought Kirmo home. LaForest was safe on an error to score McMillan.

The score stayed at 2-0 until the bottom of the fifth inning. Lead-off batter Kirmo was hit by a pitch. Wolcott singled, Kirmo was forced out at 2nd, then Wolcott scored on a single by LaForest to take it to 3-0.

Kirmo pitched a 9-0 no-hitter in the second game.

"At one point, he struck out seven in a row and had a total of 13 strike outs," said Wolcott.

Everyone contributed to the nine runs, added the coach. Kirmo, Wolcott, McMillan, LaForest, Lugviel, Stocker all had hits for the Vikings.

CHEBOYGAN GAMES

Grayling lost the first game of the away doubleheader, 7-3.

The Vikings took an early 2-0 lead, with a homer by Wolcott with Kirmo on base. They added a run in the fifth inning on consecutive singles by Kirmo, Wolcott and McMillan. But it wasn't enough.

Starting pitcher LaForest took the loss.

"He only gave up two earned runs," said Wolcott. "Eric pitched really well and deserved to win, but the defense got a little sloppy and just didn't hold up."

In the second game, "too many walks and timely hits by Cheboygan" led to an 11-2 loss for the Vikings.

Wolcott pitched the first inning, allowing one run before going out with a sore elbow. Stocker pitched the next 4 2/3 innings, then was relieved by Kirmo for the last two outs.

Cheboygan made its 11 runs off 12 walks and three hits.

Mead had two singles and one double for Grayling.

McMillan, Garner, Casey and Branch all had one hit.

"We were hitting the ball hard and striking out very little against pretty good pitching," said Wolcott. "We just have to get more consistent on defense."

Despite the losses, the Vikings out-hit Cheboygan, 16-9, in the doubleheader.

One big inning continues to hamper play of GHS varsity softball team

By Nancy Lemmen

Last week was a busy one for the Grayling High School varsity softball team, which was not able to get on track to pull a win out of three doubleheaders.

This week, the Vikings travel to Gaylord to face a tough Blue Devil team on Thursday, May 6, at 4 p.m.

HOUGHTON LAKE

The Vikings fell, 11-4 and 13-3, to the Bobcats at Houghton Lake on Tuesday.

Senior Heidi Craigie and junior Heather Guzman took the losses.

"The highlight of the afternoon was a great double play we turned," said Coach Rebecca Brown. "Heidi Craigie, playing left field, caught a deep fly ball that went foul. When the girl on 3rd base tagged up and attempted to score, catcher (senior) Stacy Straw made a beautiful play at home."

"Again, we seem to have that one inning where we allow a lot of runs," said Brown. "But the kids have a lot of potential — they just have to realize it."

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Junior Val Elmy had three singles, one double, one stolen base, seven put-outs and two assists.

Senior Elissa Cox had two singles, one double, one walk, two stolen bases, four put-outs and four assists.

Craigie had two singles, two stolen bases, two put-outs and four assists.

Guzman had two singles, one stolen base, five put-outs and two assists.

Straw had one double, one walk, one stolen base, two put-outs and two assists.

Senior Sara Palmer had two doubles, one stolen base, one put-out and one assist.

Junior Jackie Cragg had one walk, one stolen base and one put-out.

Senior Jody Pratt had one walk and two stolen bases.

Senior Levon Gilman had one walk and two put-outs.

Junior Mandeel Micek had one put-out.

WHITTEMORE-PRESCOTT

The Vikings lost, 13-6 and 15-5, to Whittemore-Prescott at home on Friday in their division opener. Craigie took the loss in both games.

In game one, the Cardinals scored eight runs in the first inning.

"You take those eight runs away and it's a different ball game," said Brown. "The girls continued to hit well against good Whittemore pitching. But we have to drastically reduce the unforced errors, which will give us more confidence."

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Palmer had one single, one double, three walks, seven stolen bases, one put-out and three assists.

Guzman had two singles, one walk, five stolen bases, seven put-outs and one assist.

Cox had three walks, three stolen bases, five put-outs and two assists.

Craigie had one single, two walks, four stolen bases, two put-outs and three assists.

Pratt had four walks, two stolen bases, two put-outs and one assist.

Micek had two walks, one stolen base and four assists.

Straw had two walks, two put-outs and three assists.

Cragg had seven put-outs.

Elmy had three singles, one double, one walk and one stolen base.

Junior Pam Wilkins had one walk, two stolen bases and two put-outs.

Gilman had one single and one walk.

Junior Suzan Lovely had one single.

Junior Heather Bindschatel had one walk.

CHEBOYGAN

The Vikings dropped a doubleheader, 6-0 and 9-0, at Cheboygan on Saturday.

"They had real quick pitchers," said Brown. "Actually, it was a good outing, but we didn't score. We had people on base and we played good defense. But errors cost us again. They always come back to haunt you, just like walks. Also, lack of communication on the field hurt us."

Guzman took the loss in the first game. Bindschatel also pitched for two innings, allowing one run.

Craigie took the defeat in the second game.

"I have to give the pitchers a lot of credit," said Brown. "Because when they throw strikes, the hits are going to happen. You have to have strong defense, which goes back to confidence."

INDIVIDUAL STATS

Palmer (with a .500 batting average) had three singles, one walk, two stolen bases, four put-outs and five assists.

Elmy (.625) had one single and 12 put-outs.

Guzman (.429) had one single, one stolen base, five put-outs and one assist.

"She played in left field in the second game and did a nice job," said Brown. Cox (.214) had one single, one walk, one stolen base, three put-outs and four assists.

Micek (.286) had one single, four put-outs and one assist.

Craigie (.346) had one single, one walk, one stolen base, one put-out and one assist.

Straw (.333) had one single, one walk, one stolen base and one put-out.

Cragg (.200) had two put-outs.

Wilkins (.167) had one put-out.

Currently, Pratt has a batting average of .471; Lovely, .200; and Gilman, .167.

New golf team takes 2nd place

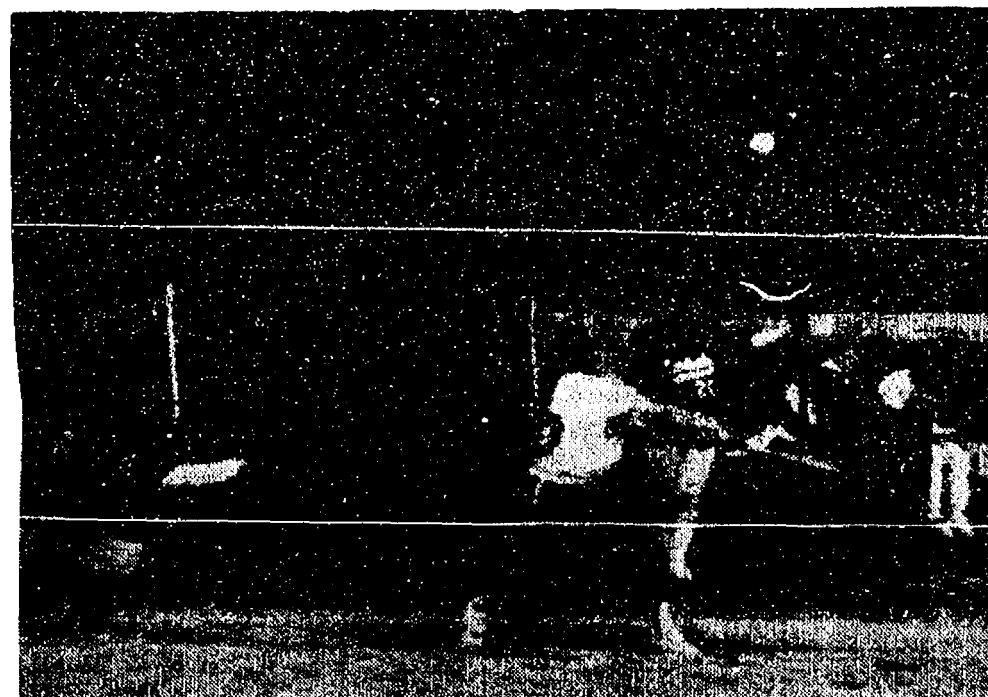
The newly formed Grayling High School girls' golf team opened its season away against Saginaw Heritage and Clio on April 27.

Junior Amy Kelley led the Vikings with a score of 54.

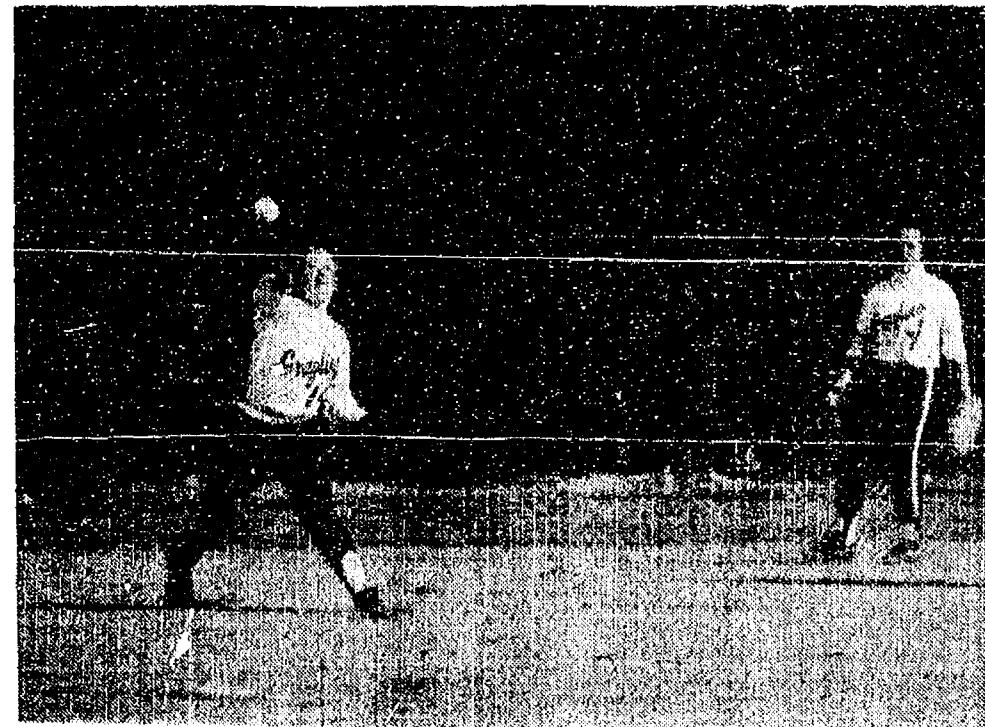
Also competing in the first match were senior Valorie Schans, senior Samantha Vollmer, junior Kelly Harrison, senior Sarah Micek and freshman Jennier Pahssen.

Grayling took 2nd place out of three with a team total of 258. Clio took 1st place.

The golf team coach is Laura Schans.



DIVISION OPENER--Senior Jody Pratt gets some stick on the ball in the GHS varsity softball team's division opener against Whittemore-Prescott last Friday. The Vikings couldn't recover from the Cardinals' big first inning and fell, 13-6.



ON THE MOUND--Senior Sara Palmer pitches in relief in the GHS varsity softball team's first game against Whittemore on April 30. Senior Elissa Cox is on 1st base.

Grayling Holiday Inn

Vikings of the Week

Baseball



Chris Wolcott

Last week, junior Chris Wolcott scored nine runs in six games and had a .400 batting average for the series. His hits included a two-run homer and five RBIs.

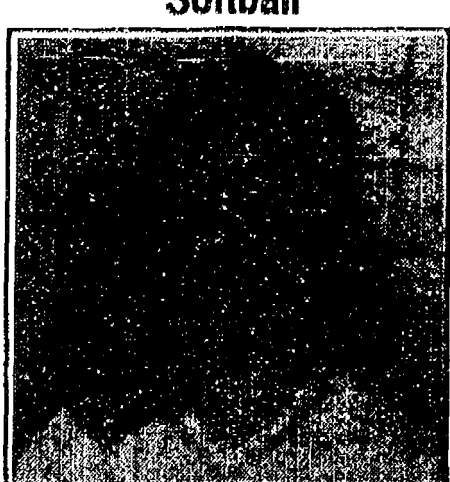
Baseball



Mike Kirmo

Senior Mike Kirmo pitched a total of 13 innings last week, giving up only one hit, including a six-inning no-hitter against Houghton Lake.

Softball



Sarah Palmer

Senior Sara Palmer, currently batting .500, has ten singles, four doubles and five walks in 28 at-bats. She also has 16 stolen bases, 13 put-outs and 13 assists.

"Sara provides real strong leadership," said Coach Rebecca Brown. "She leads by example. I respect that and the other players do, too."

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JVs sweep doubleheader at Houghton Lake 10-7, 14-4

The Grayling High School junior varsity softball team defeated Houghton Lake in both games of an away double header on April 27.

"The team performed well defensively by snagging line drives, flies and hard-hit grounders," said Coach Lori Johnson. "They also came around offensively by hitting eight singles, four doubles, one home run, and stealing ten bases to take a 10-7 win in game one."

"The girls played heads-up ball, making some outstanding catches, and they played well together as a team," she continued. "They hit the ball well and ran the bases aggressively, forcing the Bobcats to make throwing errors so they could advance on the bases."

Both teams scored three runs in the first inning and added a fourth in the second. But Grayling pulled ahead, 6-4, in the third. The Bobcats added a fifth run in the fourth inning, but the Vikings answered with one of their own to take the score to 7-5 in the fifth. Grayling topped off the game with an additional three runs in the sixth inning.

(Freshman) Kristina Harris pitched the entire game to pick up the win. She also was two for three at the plate and had six assists.

Freshman Jennifer Richardson hit the home run and went three for four at the plate as the designated hitter.

Freshman Stacie Mead (1st base) was one for four and had five put-outs. Sophomore Trish Straw (catcher) was one for four and had three put-outs and one assist.

Freshman Kim Prause (3rd base) was two for four and had one put-out.

(freshmen) Mandy McEvers and Monica Lawrence, who robbed a Houghton Lake player of a double," said the coach. "McEvers (at center) missed the hard-hit line drive, only to redeem herself by the hustle of retrieving the ball quickly and making a direct throw to Lawrence, who held onto the ball when the player slid into her at second base."

"(Freshman) Brooke Blaauw pitched a great game, holding the Bobcats to only four hits. I really see a lot of improvement with the girls' defense. It seems to be coming together for them."

Grayling took a 4-0 lead in the first inning and never relinquished it. They added one run in the second, and seven in the third to Houghton Lake's one. The Vikings added another two in the fourth to take the score to 14-2. The Bobcats managed two runs in the fifth, but it was not nearly enough, and Grayling took the win according to the ten-run mercy rule.

Blaauw (pitcher) was two for four, with two put-outs, three assists and one strike-out.

Straw (catcher and 3rd base) was three for four, with two put-outs and one assist.

Prause (left field) was two for four, with one put-out.

Richardson (1st base) had five put-outs.

Freshman Jenny Wilkins (shortstop) had one put-out and four assists.

McEvers (center field) had one assist.

Freshman Trish Tanner (right field) had one put-out.

Lawrence (2nd base) had four put-outs.

GAME TWO

The Vikings made it two in a row with their 14-4 victory in the second game against Houghton Lake.

"The team had some awesome defensive plays and they held tight at the plate for six hits and 17 walks," said Johnson. "They talked among themselves as a team to create good, solid plays. The basic fundamentals of the game were seen both on the field and at the plate."

"The play of the night would go to

LAKE CITY
The softball squad defeated Lake City, 10-7, in game two on April 22.

"Mandy McEvers got her first start, earning the win," said Johnson. "She pitched out of two tough innings. Freshman Renee Meehan caught two innings. Jenny Richardson came in the fourth with Straw behind the plate."

"The girls were patient at the plate, picking up a total of nine walks," she continued. "They had five hits and

three hit players. They made some costly errors running the bases, but advanced when the opportunity was there."

Grayling led, 5-2, after the first inning and added another run after two. Both teams scored in the third to take the score to 9-5 and scored again in the fourth to make the final score 10-7.

FIRST GAME

It took the Trojans an extra inning to defeat the Vikings, 22-19, in the first game of the afternoon. Harris took the loss.

"The team played very well," said Johnson. "They came from behind in the third to lead for three innings, giving up a few runs each inning. Defensive errors were made by throwing the ball around and not preparing themselves mentally for the play to be made if the ball came to them. The team had a total of 21 hits."

Lake City scored two runs in both the first and second innings, but Grayling answered with eight of its own in the third. The Vikings held the lead, 9-7 after the fourth, and 14-12 after the fifth. The Trojans tied it up at 19 in the sixth and went on to take the 22-19 victory in the extra inning.

"Trish Straw did an awesome job behind the plate and had a hot bat, going four for five," said Johnson.

"Brooke Blaauw made two diving attempts at line drives, but she dropped the ball upon impact with the ground."

"Kim Prause had two long singles. Stacie Mead was three for five at the plate, with one of those a triple, scoring on an overthrown ball. Jenny Richardson was four for four at the plate."

"Kristina Harris and Jenny Wilkins did excellent jobs at stopping the ball to make the play for the ten assisted outs. Jamie Pratt did a superb job in right field and backing up overthrown balls to 1st base. Monica Lawrence made a leaping catch for one out."

"They are hitting the ball well, but are hesitating when running the bases," said Johnson. "They have improved with fundamentals of the game, but some costly errors were made, giving up five runs. I don't mind losing a game where they play hard together as a team and don't give up."



GHS GIRLS' GOLF TEAM--(front) Kelly Harrison, Valorie Schans, Samantha Vollmer; (back) Coach Laura Schans, Sarah Micek, Nettie Deman, Amy Kelley, Jamie Evans, Jennifer Pahnssen. Not pictured: Michelle Sampsel.



GHS JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM--(front) Tony Dobry, Ben Labo, Jason Hatfield, Travis Weaver, Justin Eddy, Andy Perrin; (back) Steve Bugyi, Jason Thompson, Martin Kroell, Chip Waite, Scott Hartman, Scott Longendyke, Chris Jones, Shane Hinkle, Scott Baker, Andy Ignash, Coach Bill Klinger.

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JVs mercy Houghton Lake in doubleheader 22-3, 18-7

The Grayling High School junior varsity baseball added two more to the win column with its double defeat of Houghton Lake on April 27.

The squad hosts Gaylord on Thursday, May 6, at 4 p.m.

FIRST GAME

The Vikings took game one, 22-3. "It was a great game," said Coach Bill Klinger. "After two innings, the score was 5-1. It was 15-1 after the fourth; then we coasted to a 22-3 victory after five innings."

"We were very aggressive at the plate with 18 hits and 22 runs and we had solid defense," he added. "These players jump on every opportunity to play baseball."

Sophomore Steve Bugyi played well in centerfield, making several good catches and throwing a runner out at 3rd.

Freshman Jason Thompson did well in the catcher's spot, throwing out a runner at 3rd base.

The Vikings also had good pitching from sophomore Scott Longendyke, who allowed one run and struck out three in one inning, and from freshman Andy Perrin, who allowed two hits and two runs and struck out six in four innings.

"We had solid pitching and several key defensive plays by Andy," said Klinger.

Bugyi had five hits; Perrin, four hits; sophomore Scott Baker, freshman Scott Hartman and freshman Travis Weaver, two hits apiece; sophomore Shane Hinkle, Longendyke and freshman Jason Hatfield, one hit apiece.

2ND GAME

The second game went only three innings before being called for darkness with a score of 18-7.

Grayling scored its 18 runs on nine hits.

"It was a good game to coach, with all 14 players seeing action and getting to bat at least twice," said Klinger. "They turned in another solid performance at the plate, but made a couple of errors in the field."

The young Vikes "are a very aggressive team, with lots of confidence at the plate and running the bases," he continued. "Everyone is pulling for the next guy to do good and they pick up one another. They work hard in practice as well as the games and play heads-up baseball."

Grayling had good pitching from Hatfield for two innings and from Hinkle for one.

Bugyi and Hinkle each had two hits. Perrin, Baker, Hartman, Hatfield and freshman Justin Eddy each had one hit.

WHITEMORE-PRESCOTT

The JV team split games with division opponent Whittemore-PreScott in an away doubleheader on Friday afternoon.

Grayling came from behind to win the opener, 15-4, thanks to "good pitching and solid defense that kept us in the game, and strong hitting in the fifth and sixth innings," said Coach Klinger.

The Vikings led, 3-1, after the first inning, then fell behind, 4-3, after the fourth.

"We scored seven runs in the fifth inning and five runs in the sixth to take the 15-4 victory," said Klinger. "We had good pitching by Shane Hinkle (who took the win) for four innings and good relief by Chip Waite (who picked up a save) for two innings."

"They never gave up and played hard," he added.

Longendyke had three hits and two RBIs, including a two-run homer.

Baker had three hits and one RBI; Thompson, two hits and two RBIs; Perrin, one hit and three RBIs; Bugyi, one hit, two RBIs and two stolen bases; Hinkle, one hit and one RBI; Weaver and Waite, one hit and 1 RBI each; and Hatfield, one hit.

2ND GAME

The Vikings fell, 10-7, in the second game against the Cardinals.

"We played hard and almost pulled it out," said Klinger. "We started out good, but gave up a big fourth inning

seven runs. Thirteen players had the opportunity to play, but we just came out a little short."

Grayling's seven runs came on eight hits, two of them from Longendyke. Perrin, Bugyi, Hinkle, Thompson, Waite and Eddy each added one.

Pitcher Thompson, who went three innings, took the loss. Hatfield and Perrin both pitched in relief.

CHEBOYGAN

On May 1, the following morning, the JV squad dropped two games to Cheboygan.

"It was a good day to play and we played good, but we couldn't get the key hit or come up with the routine play, which opened the door for Cheboygan to score runs," said Klinger of the 10-7 defeat.

The Vikings trailed, 2-1, after the first inning, then took a 6-2 lead after the fourth. But they gave up eight runs in the final two innings.

Waite, who pitched the whole game, took the loss for Grayling. He gave up ten runs on three hits and struck out 11.

Grayling's seven runs came on ten

hits. Hartman had two of them; and Perrin, Bugyi, Longendyke, Baker, Waite, Hatfield, Weaver and sophomore Tony Dobry each had one.

2ND GAME

The Vikings lost, 11-5, in the second game of the day.

"We played together, but back-to-back doubleheaders affected our mental concentration, which affected our defensive play," said Klinger.

The Vikings trailed, 3-1, after one inning, then came back to tie the score at three in the second. In the fifth, Cheboygan scored eight runs to take an 11-3 lead and Grayling scored two more for an 11-5 finish.

Perrin went four innings to take the loss for Grayling. Thompson, who pitched the last two innings in relief, gave up no runs.

The Vikings had two hits from Waite and one apiece from Perrin, Bugyi, Dobry and Eddy.

"We hit the ball," said Klinger. "But now we have to go back to basic infield and outfield practice and work on making the routine play."

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Your Horoscope

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: May 9-15

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Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Your creative interests could prove profitable. A person who can make money doing what he truly enjoys is already wealthy.
- TAURUS**
Apr. 20-May 20 Don't mix business with pleasure. A fascination with the opposite sex has no place in the work force.
- GEMINI**
May 21-June 20 If you procrastinate you could lose an important deal. Get on the ball and keep it rolling until the game is over.
- CANCER**
June 21-July 22 A conservative approach to spending is appropriate at this time. Sign nothing that is binding.
- LEO**
July 23-Aug. 22 There is a time frame to which you must abide. Shut out friends and family until the deed is done.
- VIRGO**
Aug. 23-Sept. 22 A desire to impress others could turn into a fiasco. Trying to be something you are not could prove embarrassing.
- LIBRA**
Sept. 23-Oct. 22 A negative approach to either home-life or career will result in negative consequences. Look to the bright side.
- SCORPIO**
Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Organization is the key. Turn that mess into a systemized structure that will help rather than hinder you.
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov. 22-Dec. 21 A compromise may not work well in the office. Try another tactful approach. Don't give up until you have exhausted all sources.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec. 22-Jan. 19 A late night will have to be paid for, eventually. Don't stress yourself out or you will be of no use to anyone.
- AQUARIUS**
Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your advice could influence young person. Take the time to talk with him and allow him the freedom to make mistakes.
- PISCES**
Feb. 19-Mar. 20 A move now could bring more changes later on. Go for it, but only if you are willing to accept the challenge.



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A Look At Our Past from the pages of the Avalanche

23 years ago May 7, 1970

The Michigan Skin Divers Association will visit Grayling on Sunday, May 10th, and the members, 150 strong will be conducting an AuSable River Clean-Up on the 30 miles of river from Grayling to Wakeley Bridge.

The Grayling Country Club officially opened for the golfing season on Friday, May 1.

Mrs. Bernice Lennert will be the manager of the club house this year, with Kenneth Jackson the groundskeeper.

Christina Rice was honored with a First Communion breakfast on Sunday. Attending were Roy Palmer of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Art Pollach of Lansing, Mrs. Griffith and the Bowmans.

David Englund arrived home April 15, from Long Beach, California, where he received his discharge from the Navy after completing three years, nine months active duty. On April 1, he returned from Vietnam after his second Western Pacific cruise. He was stationed aboard the USS Mansfield (DD-728). Dave and his wife, Judy, will be spending the next few months in Grayling. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Englund of Grayling.

Born May 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Leroy Larson of Grayling, a daughter weighing 8 pounds., 7 1/4 ounces and named Angela Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hunter of Grayling are the parents of a son born May 4 and weighing 4 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wells and Mrs. Fred Wiehe went to Lansing last Wednesday to visit the Jimmy Bedards.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson and son, Esbern, Jr. have returned from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eagle have left for their summer home at Sault Ste. Marie.

Mrs. Donald Jansens spent weekend before last in Saginaw taking care of her sister's four children while their parents were in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Jansen, David and Curt spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday in Cedarville.

David Hoag, son-in-law of the Donald Jansens, graduated from the University of Michigan last Saturday.

Mrs. Jack Feldhauser was injured in Traverse City Saturday night when struck by a car. She was taken to Munson Hospital and expected to be transferred to Mercy Hospital today (Wednesday).

Maggie Levertton reported that Monday when the high school kids were out helping to clean up and beau-

tify the city, some stopped at her place and cut off her flowers and buds.

On Monday, April 27, the Drama Division of the Regional Forensics were held at the Grayling Elementary School all-purpose room. Five schools competed in the regionals. The schools each put on a one-act play.

Grayling was awarded the regionals championship trophy. Patricia Christian was also awarded the best actress trophy. Other members of the local cast were Debbie Nethers, Max Tobin, Debbie Niederer, and Joy Rasmussen.

46 years ago May 8, 1947

Glove making was one of the most popular home extension projects in Upper Michigan this year. Native deer hides were used for most of the gloves to encourage extension members to conserve native Michigan materials. Extension members were able to get three or four pairs of gloves from one native deer hide.

Mr. and Mrs. R Schotte and daughter, Martha, and Wm. Verlinde, of Waters, visited at the Henry Verlinde home, Sunday.

The regular meeting of the Home Extension club took place at Mrs. Stan Hummel's Thursday. A quilt was tied in the forenoon, followed by a potluck dinner. The afternoon was spent studying the lesson on "Finishing Touches." To climax a well spent day, everyone took part in a contest, in which Mrs. Archie Howse and Mrs. Oscar Parsons won prizes.

Two years ago today, the mighty struggle on the continent of Europe came to a close, with the armies of the United Nations victorious and the Axis armies totally defeated. May 8 of each year will be a memorable date as the anniversary of the close of the struggle that was more titanic than the world had ever dreamed.

Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Johnson of Detroit have purchased the Thompson Oil Company from Clarence Thompson and took over active management April 21. The Johnsons were in a similar business in Detroit.

A belated wedding shower was given for Mrs. Robert Tiffin Monday evening, May 5, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lloyd Gierke. Mrs. Larry Laughton and Mrs. Willard Harwood were co-hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Funck spent the weekend in Ferndale and Royal Oak, visiting relatives.

Joe Stripe, Bob Strong, George Granger, Willard Cornell, LeRoy Christian, Wesley Kumpula and Frank Bond spent the weekend at the Bond

cottage on the Manistee.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder and daughter Peggy spent the weekend visiting Mrs. Oscar Hanson and Mrs. Ella Wilcox and daughter, Nancy.

Mrs. Wm. Brenke of Lansing is spending two weeks visiting the Norval Stephans. The ladies are sisters.

Miss Billyann Clippert expects to spend Mother's Day weekend with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C.G. Clippert. She will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Larry Frymire of East Lansing, who will spend the weekend with Mrs. Frymire's parents, the Harold MacNevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robertson introduce their new son, Edward Bert, who was born April 20, at Mercy Hospital. Little "Eddie" weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces.

Leonard Hoerl and a few friends from Detroit surprised Leonard's brother Harry Hoerl and family by spending the weekend with them.

Mrs. Harold Rasmusson and son, Dick, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nielson accompanied Miss Laura Rasmusson as far as Detroit last Thursday, where she boarded a plane for her home in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Wm. Joseph and Mrs. O. W. Hayes left Thursday to spend a few days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Huntington in Eaton Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bielski of this city are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Rose Roschelski to Reese Cox of Frederic on May 2, at the Michelson Memorial Church. Rev. R. C. Puffer performed the ceremony.

The Norman Dawsons of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend in Grayling, visiting his parents, the Earl Dawsons. Dick Dawson was also home for the weekend.

69 years ago May 8, 1924

Adolph C. Peterson and family have moved into the home vacated by T. Klingensmith and family, which they purchased during the winter.

A chimney burning out on the Karl Hagman residence called out the fire department in a hurry last Saturday morning.

Miss Vella Hermann has completed a successful term of teaching in the Funch School in South Branch township. At present she is assisting as clerk in the A & P store.

Francis and Lionel LaGrow, who have been spending the winter in Lansing visiting their sister, Mrs. Lee Seymour and family, arrived in Grayling Saturday to spend the summer at their home here.

Barrett Johnson of East Jordan is the new pharmacist at the Olson drug store. Roy Clark, who was there temporarily, returned to his home in Traverse City, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet C. Reel of Detroit are here preparing their household goods to be moved to Miami, Fla. They have sold their home on the stone road near the flooring mill to Mr. and Mrs. George Plant of Detroit, who plan to move here.

Word from Lansing announced the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Will Wingard, formerly of Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Robinson and family of Luzerne left last week for Seattle, Wash., where they expect to make their home. Mrs. Robinson was formerly Miss Libby Hickey of South Branch Township.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Crane returned Friday after spending the winter in Louisville, Ky.

John B. Redhead and son Jack and wife arrived Saturday from South Bend, Ind., to spend several months at their home in Lovells.

Class of '79 planning reunion

There will be an organizational meeting on May 11 held at Ann Malm's home to plan the 15-year reunion of the Class of 1979. Anyone interested in helping out can call Ann at 348-3219 or Terri Laurent at 348-5897. Glen's green slips are needed. Save them and take them to Ann at Dr. Fenn's office in Grayling.

Buying a home workshop offered

The Michigan Initiative Program helps make it possible for low and moderate income families to qualify for a home mortgage. It provides education about purchasing a home, cuts the down payment requirement to five percent, and offers more flexible qualifying criteria than conventional mortgages. If your family's annual income is below \$46,920 you may qualify.

To learn about the program, enroll in a workshop on shopping for and financing a home, Wednesday, May 19, from 5-9 p.m. in the basement of the County Building in Grayling. For more information and a registration form, call the Michigan State University Extension service office at (517) 348-2841 ext. 264.

Participants are welcome to bring their evening meal. Coffee will be available.

Verse or Worse

By Joe Murphy

He Listens

Sometimes when trouble comes crowding in
And nothing seems to come out right
When my mind is full of doubts and worry
And I lay sleepless in the night

Then calmness and serenity surrounds me
As I kneel beside my bed in prayer
For I know my dear Lord hears me
I seem to feel His presence there

He seems near enough to reach out and touch
My troubled mind seems to grow clear
As I ask for His helping hand
My troubles fade and disappear

I thank the dear Lord for His blessings
As my worries fade away
It's knowing that He hears my troubles
I find new hope to face the coming day

With the new dawn I can face my troubles
Full of faith that He'll show the way
They can be conquered and put behind me
That I can my dragons slay

Our dear Lord is always there to hear us
When we bow our heads in prayer
But He helps those who help themselves
And we have to do our share

To gain His help we must be helpful to others
Not leave a brother to face trouble alone
For we know that here on earth
God's work must truly be our own

Weekend Crossword

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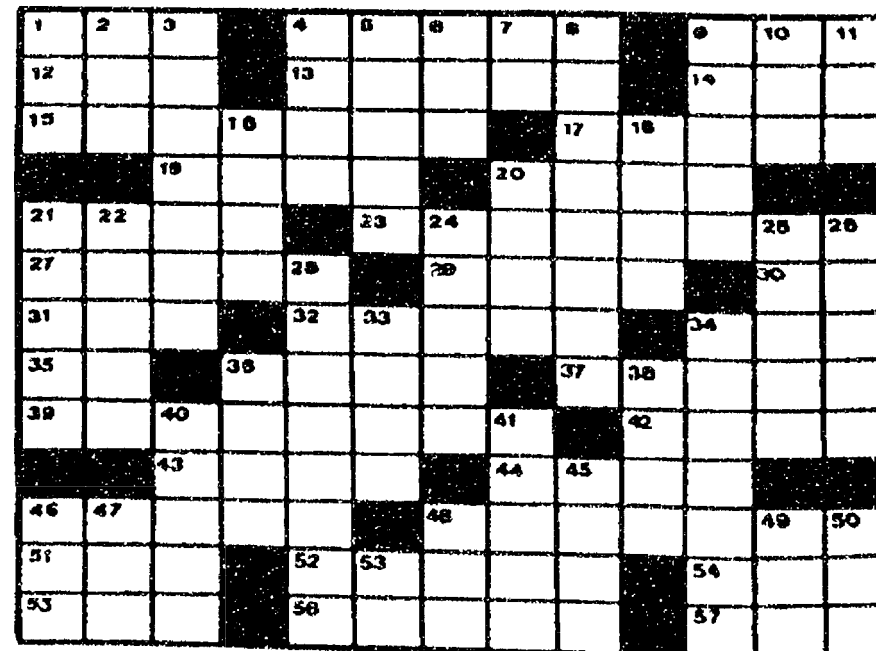
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- Sea bird
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- Army/Navy Off.
- Tease
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- Baseball retirements
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The Bible Speaks

From The
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Living In Sin

Anglican bishop John Shelby Spong, who wrote the book *Rescuing The Bible From Fundamentalism* (A Bishop Rethinks The Meaning Of Scripture), also wrote an earlier book entitled, *Living In Sin* (A Bishop Rethinks Human Sexuality).

Spong says, "In a real sense, the debate in the church about the issues of human sexuality is a debate over the authority of Scripture and over the role of both Scripture and the church in sustaining the ignorance that is the basis of prejudice." (Page 116). Spong says, "If the Bible has nothing more than the letter of literalism to offer to our understanding of human sexuality today, then I must say that I stand ready to reject the Bible in favor of something that is more human, more humane, more life giving, and, dare I say, more godlike." (Page 133).

In "Chapter Seven The Case Against Literalism" Spong believes community standards should change the Bible. Spong says, "Is the authority of Scripture in the person of the author

or in the community that assigns authority to its sacred story? ... If the authority is in the community, then the right to change, revise, and render inoperative various parts of the Scripture must also be vested in the community." (Page 107). Spong rejects the authorized English Bible, "But those who are certain that the King James Bible is the only true version of God's word find their prejudice against homosexual persons affirmed by this blatant mistranslation." (Page 143).

Spong's view of homosexuality is diametrically opposed to our Bible: "But I have known too many non-marital relationships marked by the qualities of holiness to suggest that they are immoral because they are not within the narrow bends of legal marriage." (Page 166). "I regard the blessing of gay or lesbian couples by the church to be inevitable, right, and a positive good." (Page 198). "The time has surely come not just to tolerate, or even to accept, but to celebrate and welcome the presence among us of our gay and lesbian fellow

human beings." (Page 199). "Of course gay people should be considered without prejudice for the ordination process." (Page 87).

Spong judged the Apostle Paul's clear teaching against homosexuality as "... Paul's ill-informed, culturally biased prejudices." (Page 152). But, Paul in Cor. 6:9, Peter in 2 Pet. 2:6, and Jude in 1:7 unite declaring God's future judgment upon homosexuality. Unrepentant homosexuals will not enter the Kingdom of God, but will spend eternity in Hell. "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (Isa. 5:20).

Pastor "B"

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Morel mushroom season pops up

In May, morel mushroom fans will be out in force around Michigan, celebrating the month-long season at one of four state festivals and picking close to a half-million pounds of the gourmet mushroom, according to AAA Michigan.

Northwest Michigan is the site of three festivals. The Boyne City Mushroom Festival will be underway, May 14-16. Highlights include a carnival Friday through Sunday; a mushroom hunting championship at 9 a.m. Saturday, and a mushroom festival parade Saturday afternoon. The Mesick Mushroom Festival takes place May 7-9 and features a contest for the largest mushroom. Contenders can turn their morel in anytime May 1-8 at either of Mesick's two grocery stores. Other events include a weekend-long flea market and carnival; hobby and crafts show Saturday and grand parade at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Also in the Northwest, Springbrook Hills Resort in Walloon Lake offers "Morels & More" weekend outings continuing every weekend through May 21-22. Instruction and advice on how to find morels will be presented by expert Larry Lonik, author of "The

Curious Morel.

In northeast Michigan, the Lewiston Mushroom Festival May 8 will feature a contest for the most and largest mushrooms, with registration from 8 to 10 a.m. An arts and crafts fair will take place all day.

AAA Michigan estimates that 500,000 morel lovers also take to Michigan woods and forests on their own each May to hunt the delicious fungi. With good ground moisture and warm temperatures in early spring, black morels sprout at the beginning of the month followed by white morels in mid-May.

Morel-seekers should consider the following advice when searching for the often elusive mushroom:

- Morels are often spotted at ground level underneath leaves and underbrush, at the base of hardwood trees, in old orchards and near tree stumps.

- Never pull morels out of the ground. Cut them, instead, at the base.

- Pick only unblemished morels and place them in a net or paper bag. Placing them in a plastic bag will cause quick spoilage.

- Hunt with an experienced guide to

avoid picking poisonous "false" morels.

- Always cook morels before eating them.

For morel-lovers who are not necessarily outdoor-lovers, consider: the gourmet mushroom can often be commercially purchased during the peak season for a cost of about \$15 to \$20 per pound.

Cards of thanks

The girls of Grayling Daisy Troop #2205 would like to thank the crew at McDonald's for their help in making our April 20th field trip fun and interesting. Thank you.

Cards of thanks

I would like to thank my neighbors and friends who were so thoughtful and helpful when I needed them during my recent illness. May God bless each and every one. Also, thanks to the staff and doctors for the wonderful care I received while a patient at Mercy Hospital. A special thanks to the volunteers and my many friends for their visits, cards and flowers. Thanks.

Rita Sarault

Church Directory



Thank God

There is no aromatic essence quite like that powdered, musky scent of an infant held close to its mother's breast. There is no emotion comparable to that of a new mother as she marvels at miniature perfection, and is entranced by shining, innocent eyes, sideways grins and tiny toes. If there is imperfection, her love is constant still, for this is **her child**.

To quote the contemporary writer Earl Riney, "The mother love is like God's love; He loves us not [necessarily] because we are lovable, but because it is His nature to love, and because we are **His children**."

Mothers never cease to be mothers, but babies do grow up ... and confused. A warm bottle is no longer the answer.

God is the answer. Thank God for mothers. Mothers, thank God.

Sunday	Matthew 12:9-21
Monday	Isaiah 61:1-11
Tuesday	Luke 4:16-30
Wednesday	John 1:19-34
Thursday	John 14:15-31
Friday	John 15:18-27
Saturday	John 16:1-15

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Pastor Dale Hammond
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Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christ Missionary
Minister H.A. Hennig
4 Mi. East of Frederic
County Rd. 612
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship & Praise 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer, Bible Study 6 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial
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Minister Dr. Dennis N. Paulson
400 Michigan Ave.
Church School 9:40-10:40 a.m.
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.
Children's Choir (Wed.) 3:15 p.m.
Senior Choir (Thurs.) 7 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
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Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

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Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
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Church - 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588
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Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children Sessions 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
Zone 11, 106 James St. - Houghton Lake
Sunday Ser. & Sunday School 11 a.m.
1st Wednesday (April-Oct.) 7:30 p.m.

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Jim Van Lier 348-7699
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Rev. Michael Kemper
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Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Preaching 11 a.m.
Midweek Service Prayer 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Fr. Michael Conner - 348-7291
702 Peninsular - 348-7657
Saturday 5 p.m.
Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.

Weekday Mass
Tuesday 8 a.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m.
Thursday 8 a.m.
Friday 8 a.m.
Confession Saturday 4 p.m.

Calvary Assembly of God
Rev. Lawrence Cook
250 Lake St. - Roscommon - 275-5309
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Family Night 7 p.m.

Lovells Chapel
Pastor Gary Hopp
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awaken Club (Wed) 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
Gordon French Minister
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd.
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Communion & Preaching 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

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M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ
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Pastor Dohn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave. - Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Don Brigham
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Sunday Morning 10 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

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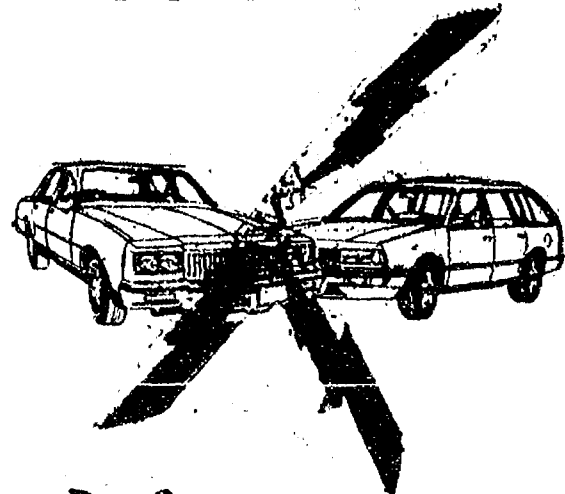
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ROBBIE COX ANXIOUSLY AWAITS A HEARING DOG—Robbie and mom Robin Cox of Frederic would like to purchase a hearing dog for Robbie who has been deaf since early childhood.

13-year-old deaf Frederic boy works to overcome impairment

By Terry Wright

Robbie Cox is a typical bright 13 year old boy. He loves to play basketball and build model cars. His hero is professional wrestler Hulk Hogan. The only thing that differentiates Robbie from any other boy his age is that since the time he was a tiny baby, Robbie has been totally deaf.

Several years ago Robbie underwent tests to determine if he could become a candidate for a cochlear transplant in hopes that his hearing might be restored. He was not eligible, but his parents still hold some hope that someday in the future a transplant could restore Robbie's hearing. If that day ever arrives, Robbie will hear the rush of oncoming traffic, the blare of a smoke detector, or an intruder in his home. Until then he cannot leave the safety of the small world he lives in, focused around his parents Rick and Robin Cox of Frederic.

To expand Robbie's world Robin Cox takes Robbie to work with her at the local grocery. Robbie has learned to stock shelves, pump gas and be a general helper. Robbie's parents want that to happen, they just don't have the \$4,000 that is required to send a dog through the PAWS training program.

PAWS dogs go through three phases of training: basic training, advanced training, and home placement. Basic training is made up of learning to respond to commands such as "come, sit," and "down." Advanced training teaches the dog to respond to some sign language, the doorbell, telephone, alarm clock, smoke alarm, an intruder, and general household noises. They also learn to avoid distractions, such as cats. Home placement involves a field trainer who teaches the dog

dependence on others. Paws With a Cause is a national non-profit organization that provides the hearing impaired with trained hearing dogs who serve as ears to their masters. There are plenty of dogs available for training, and with partial funding from the United Way of Michigan, all hearing impaired can eventually expect to receive a dog. The problem is that the waiting list has more than 1,200 hearing impaired people on it, and Robbie is at the bottom of the list.

As a young teenager Robbie is rapidly approaching the time when he must develop, and wants to develop, some independence and self-sufficiency. If the feelings of independence, security, and self-confidence don't develop for Robbie, he may be destined to a life of withdrawal, loneliness, and underachievement. He needs and wants a hearing dog now.

The only solution to Robbie's problem is to bypass the long wait and buy a PAWS trained hearing dog, but as much as Robbie's parents want that to happen, they just don't have the \$4,000 that is required to send a dog through the PAWS training program.

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additional sounds and responsibilities to meet the needs of each specific dog's new owner. The owners must learn the dog's responses, what they mean and how to react to them. The new owner must also learn to care for their dog, from feeding and grooming to exercise.

In addition to a hearing dog, the Cox's are hoping to purchase a "Telecommunications Device for the Deaf," (TDD). A TDD would allow Robbie to communicate through a telephone display keyboard to a special operator who would then pass on Robbie's message to another party. The operator could type the message response back to Robbie's display screen for him to read. The cost of a TDD is from \$250 to \$650. Currently Robbie has been taught that in the case of an emergency he can dial 911 and then lay the phone down. The 911 operators have been told not to wait for a verbal response from Robbie's home but to respond with emergency help immediately if a call comes in from Robbie's address.

If you would like to donate to Robbie's quest for a hearing trained four-legged friend, a special account has been established at the Grayling State Bank. Please address your donation to Robert or Robin Cox, Special Account for a Hearing Dog, Grayling State Bank, P. O. Box 489, Grayling, Mi., 49738.

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KCC offers a series of Russia seminars

Kirtland Community College will be offering a series of seminars entitled, "Russia: Revolution, Reform, Reality."

This non-credit lecture/discussion series will cover some of the most controversial and essential aspects of Russian culture, politics, economics, and relations with the outside world, both before and after the socialist revolution of 1917.

In this eight-part series, Tanya Poutchkova will present the traditions and paradoxes of Russian history that

influenced both the emergence and collapse of the Soviet regime. Participants may attend any or all of the sessions. Dates and topics include:

May 5, The Russian Orthodox Church: Roots, Roles, Denial, and Revival;
May 12, Russian Nationalism and Foreign Affairs from the 19th Century to the Present;
May 19, The Place of Democracy in the Russian Political Tradition;
May 26, Corruption as a Means of Existence in Russia;

June 2, Russian Women: Their Roles in Society and Their Traditions, Controversies, and Hardships;

June 9, "Kitchen Culture" and Political Show-offs;

June 16, Economic Despair and Hope.

All lectures will be held Wednesday evenings from 5 until 8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, per lecture, and includes a light dinner.

To register or for further information, call Bill Ingleson, director of Community Services at Kirtland.



SPECTATOR EXAMINE PLANES DURING KCC FLY-IN—Many planes, including this unusual one-seater, flew into Grayling for the annual Kirtland College fly-in last Sunday morning.

High technology at Mercy

Open House will highlight state-of-the-art diagnostics

Mobile MRI expands scope of service

An open house at Mercy Hospital's Radiology Department will kickoff National Hospital Week '93 activities for hospital physicians, staff and volunteers, May 9-16, 1993.

Highlights of the new technological advancements in Mercy Hospital's Radiology Department will be presented on Monday, May 10 from 2 to 6 p.m. Dr. Patrick McNamara, chief of radiology, will offer a multimedia presentation of the newest in imaging technology. The public is invited to tour the new mobile magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit, see the new Acuson ultrasound and Pegasys nuclear medicine SPECT camera and system.

Dr. McNamara will explain various features of the new technology that, in many cases, can save lives. The new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) unit has brought millions of dollars worth of imaging and diagnostic technology to the area.

A joint operating agreement between Munson Mobile Imaging and Mercy Health Services North was approved by the Michigan Department of Public Health in 1992, as a method of extending advanced technology to rural areas. Operated by Munson Mobile Imaging, a subsidiary of Munson Healthcare, the \$2.1 million, 60,000 pound mobile MRI unit is housed in a semi-trailer truck. The mobile unit travels between hospitals located in Grayling, Cadillac, Gaylord, Alpena, Manistee and Ludington.

"This will greatly expand the scope of our radiology practice to help diagnose patients less invasively," said Dr. McNamara. "This is also a benefit to our patients in that they'll be able to receive diagnostic scanning here at the hospital and won't have to travel outside of the area for an MRI."

Dr. McNamara added that the staff at Grayling Mercy is particularly excited over the mobile MRI's ability to perform non-invasive angiography studies which examine the condition of the patient's blood vessels, including the carotid arteries in the neck and vessels of the brain. These studies can help diagnose the risk of stroke, internal bleeding and other dangerous conditions, all without the need for an invasive catheter technique.

Currently the mobile MRI unit is on-site at Grayling Mercy on Mondays. MRI service is provided on a physician referral basis.

MRI provides highly-detailed images of the body's interior from a variety of angles which enable physicians to pinpoint brain tumors and identify problems of the spine, the heart, abdomen, and other organs with far greater accuracy than was possible before. It works by using a powerful

magnetic field — 25,000 times the strength of the earth's magnetic field — in conjunction with radio waves.

"MRI has advantages over CAT-scanning in that it allows for greater differentiation among soft tissues," Dr. McNamara said. "Sharper images, the ability to see through bone, and the absence of radiation are all benefits MRI has over CAT-scanning."

The MRI can also provide images of "slices" of the body on a variety of lanes, versus single-plane images allowed by CAT-scan. For this reason, MRI has the potential to reduce the number of diagnostic surgeries.

One of the advantages of the new mobile technology is that patients at community hospitals will no longer have to travel great distances to receive the benefits of this advanced technology. In the past, Mercy patients often times had to travel 50 miles or more in order to receive a MRI scan.

"Mercy's agreement with Munson demonstrates our collaboration with other health care providers," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, chief operating officer, "and offers a necessary service to our patients."

During National Hospital Week, the Mercy Hospital Radiology Department will be hosting an open house on Monday May 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. During the open house the mobile MRI unit will be open for tours. Stop by and learn more about the benefits of MRI scanning.

For more information about MRI, talk to your doctor or call Mercy Healthline at 1-800-33-MERCY.



Superior detailed images can be seen on the computer system that accompanies the mobile MRI unit. Mercy Radiologists Dr. Patrick McNamara and Dr. Carl Harlan can view the images on the screen. Later they are printed on a high-tech 3M Laser printer for further interpretation.

Upgraded equipment helps cardiac patients

A broader scope of scanning tests are being performed with Mercy's new Single Photon Emission Tomography (SPECT) camera. This \$200,000 investment allowed the Nuclear Medicine Department to upgrade its existing equipment offering a wider variety of scans and studies for diagnosis.

The Pegasys system provides an extremely fast computer with state-of-the-art technology, enabling Mercy Radiologists to examine different layers of different areas of the body. Pegasys cardiac software fully evaluates the heart, which help assess a heart attack's severity.

"New cardiolite studies with the

SPECT camera offer a new approach to quantifying the results," said Dr. Carl Harlan, Mercy radiologist. "This new technology advances our ability to accurately report a heart defect's relative size. Each patient is compared to a database of normal patients for statistical analysis."

This comprehensive diagnostic system has greatly enhanced the Nuclear Medicine Department. New tests being offered include Stress and Rest Cardiolite SPECT scans; PYP heart scans; MUGA scans; and Persantine and Rest Cardiolite SPECT scans.

SPECT scanning is often performed on the brain, liver, spleen, and bones.

Blood cell scanning for infection or abscess localization is another frequent use of the SPECT camera.

Both the Ultrasound and SPECT nuclear medicine camera transfer their images digitally to 3M laser printer. And in both areas of the Radiology Department, the older equipment continues to be used, depending on the type of test that is ordered, due to increased volumes of patients.

The Radiology Department cordially invites you to attend their open house on Monday, May 10, and see the SPECT camera and Pegasys system. For more information call Mercy Healthline at 1-800-33-MERCY.

New Acuson Ultrasound can save lives

Mercy Radiologists spend much of the day reading films — x-rays of various shapes and sizes and degrees of clarity. Their interpretations have saved lives.

Today Mercy Radiologists are excited about the newest investment — the \$160,000 Acuson Computer Sonography system, providing the advances of second generation technology.

Unlike conventional ultrasound, Acuson Computer Sonography uses a specially designed hybrid analog/digital computer to form, process and deliver superior ultrasound images. Acuson's technology uses 128 imaging channels to produce an ultrasound image with unsurpassed detail and contrast resolution, offering patients increased diagnostic quality and confidence.

"You may initially think of ultrasound as used frequently in pregnant women," said Gwen Summers, Radiology manager at Mercy Hospital. "The Acuson offers high quality, high resolution images that are consistently reliable in measuring a fetal weight, gestational age, and estimated delivery date."

New testing capabilities of the Acuson Ultrasound include carotid and deep vein dopplers, used in the diagnosis of blood clots. Color-flow is provided on all studies, identifying which direction the blood is flowing and whether there's turbulence, Summers added.



Inside the MRI unit, patients lay on a bed and gradually move inside a narrow channel. Patients are screened prior to the MRI scan which produces slices of the body on a variety of planes. For this reason, MRI has the potential to reduce the number of diagnostic surgeries. Pictured with a patient in the unit are (left), Dr. Patrick McNamara, left, chief of radiology; Dr. Carl Harlan, Mercy radiologist; and Troy McMorris, RTR of Munson Mobile Imaging.



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